

## **Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes† May 13, 2021**

### **Business Meeting:**

The meeting was called to order by President Diane Mettler at 10:40 am at Old Goat Farm. Thank you to Greg and Gary, co-owners of Old Goat Farm, for hosting our club today.

**18** members present.

Welcome to 4 guests, Donna Rahier who visited us in April also, Beverly Holze and her sister Laura Crews, and Anita Nau. Beverly and Anita became interested in our club at our plant sale on May 8th.

Motion was made by Lisa Libby, 2nd by Darlene Nelson, and voted approved by members present to approve the April minutes as read via email or hard copy.

Treasurer's report given by treasurer Lisa Libby. \$225 was donated to the town of Eatonville hanging basket project. This includes \$125 for last year's check that was never cashed and \$100 for this year. Plant sale earnings were \$1700.00, our best year yet.

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### **Chairman Reports:**

Dogwood Park Chairman Diane reported she paid our worker Rocky in cash for park cleanup done in October (another check that was never cashed) and his April cleanup.

Lisa, Plant Sale chairman, reported our best year yet in our successful plant sale held May 8th. The Visitor Center location was very accessible for us and for patrons, there were lots of volunteers, lots of donated plants, and people were very generous in their donations for plants. The method of patrons paying by donation only was very successful. Members labeled their plants very well. Suggestions for future sales were: continue at this same location and reserve it early, a couple of months ahead of schedule at least, if we offer spots to other vendors, we should open it to all or none, we should refine our safe money handling procedures, and we should consider closing earlier, maybe 2pm instead of 3pm.

### **Unfinished Business**

Since there will be no formal Memorial Day program at the cemetery, whoever wants to put together an individual bouquet to commemorate the day, please bring your contribution to the cemetery on May 30th and place it at the central flag/Blue Star marker location.

### **New Business:**

Diane Mettler announced that she will be stepping down as president. She has served as president for at least 10 years and feels it is time for a change of leadership. Kathy Mettler also expressed a wish to step down as Vice President. Lisa Libby and Ginny Phillips also said they are willing to step down from their positions as treasurer and secretary if there are people interested in serving in these positions. If not they will continue on for now. Diane suggested we put together a nominating committee to seek nominees for President and Vice-President. Katy Hoffman, Jane Smith and Rosemary Nordstrom volunteered to serve on this committee. Diane is willing to continue to work on the club's yearly booklet along with Chris Bivins helping with the graphics as before.

Diane also suggested a committee form to work on speakers and meeting locations for the coming year's meetings. Ideally there would be 4 members. Fawn Bauer and Dee Hanson volunteered to serve on this committee. The nominating committee will see about adding 2 more volunteers to serve on this speaker committee.

### **Hill and Dale District New Business:**

Lisa Libby reminded us that the latest issue of the ECHO, which is put together by our member Anne Hartman, was the 200th issue. Thank you to Anne for doing such a great job as always on the ECHO.

Lisa said that there will be an in person Pierce County Fair this year in August to include a garden barn and display. The different Hill and Dale garden clubs are volunteering to paint rocks to be hidden around the grounds for the children to find and turn in for prizes. She signed us up to paint California 2" on the rocks we will contribute. Crystal Dorsey volunteered for us to paint them at our July meeting to be held at her home. Lisa will bring the prepared rocks.

Our club needs to make a poster for the Fair. Diane volunteered to make one featuring lemon balm.

Arbor Day is on hold this year for the present. District decided to donate a tree to be planted at the new Tiny Homes project at the Soldiers Home in Orting instead of at the Fairgrounds. And will be done at a later date.

\* Next meeting will be held at the home of Melody Stalk on June 10th. The speaker topic will be preserving food presented by Angie Creech. We will be seeking volunteers for meeting locations at this meeting.

\* We will also be holding July and August meetings this year to replace the November 2020 and January 2021 meetings we postponed because of Covid..

\* Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

\* Raffle of 2 items held.

**Program:** Presented by Greg Graves on different methods of propagation of plants. Greg then took us on a tour of his gardens and we were able to shop for plants and wander at our leisure.

#### **Members Present:**

1. Sharon Aguilar
2. Fawn Bauer
3. Kathy Carver
4. Crystal Dorsey
5. Dianne Gonzalez
6. Dee Hanson
7. Sherry Hanson
8. Anne Hartman
9. Katy Hoffman
10. Lisa Libby
11. Diane Mettle
12. Kathy Mettler
13. Darlene Nelson
14. Rosemary Nordstrom
15. Geneal Palmer
16. Ginny Phillips
17. Jane Smith
18. Melody Stalk

#### **Guests:**

1. Laura Crews
2. Beverly Holze
3. Anita Nau
4. Donna Rahier

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips