

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes March 10, 2022

Business Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am by president Kathy Mettler. Thank you to our hostess Dee Hanson and co-hostesses Katy Hoffman and Rosemary Nordstrom.

24 Members present.

A motion was made by Lisa Libby, 2nd by Darlene Nelson and voted by those present to approve the January minutes.

Treasurer's report was given by treasurer Lisa Libby. A motion was made by Ginny Phillips, seconded by Donna Rahier and voted approved by members present to accept the treasurer's report. We began collecting dues of \$25 for the upcoming club year, September 2022 to June 2023.

Chairman Reports:

Birds and gardening chairman, Sharon Aguilar, reports that the swallows are back flying around her property. She has a resident white owl in her barn who takes care of her mouse population.

Geneal Palmer suggested if we stop by the Dogwood Park viewpoint and see trash that has been dropped off there to please report to chairman Diane Mettler so she can get a hold of the State Highway department to do a pick up.

Sunshine chairman Ginny Phillips reports sending cards to Sharon Van Eaton and Mary Bewley. A card was passed for signing to Mary Bewley. We just received word that Beth Runyan had a death in her family yesterday..

Thank you to Crystal Dorsey, our ECHO reporter, for writing our club's article in the recent ECHO.

Pam Waring, our awards chairman, has been studying up on what awards we may be able to apply for the projects we have been doing. She reminded us to please take pictures, before, during and after, of all projects we are working on. She may be able to use them if there is an award they can be applied to.

Unfinished Business:

In February several members were able to attend the Washington Home and Garden Show in Seattle. They felt there were less exhibits and less people attending. We discussed trying again next year to attend as a group.

New Business:

Ginny Phillips, our secretary, is feeling ready after 8 yrs in this position, to step down and have someone new take over the position of secretary. The nominating committee, comprised of Katy Hoffman, Jane Smith and Rosemary Nordstrom, will work on candidates for secretary. Kathy Mettler will meet with them.

We discussed our annual May Plant Sale. We decided to hold our sale on Saturday May 7th, 9 am to 3 pm at the Eatonville Visitor Center as we did last year, with set-up to start at 8 am. Lisa Libby is chairman of this club fundraiser event. Melody Stalk volunteered to help Lisa to keep track of money. All sales will be done by donation as we did last year. We decided to not have any vendors unless they are Dogwood club members. We will have Diane Mettler see about reserving the Visitor Center. Bev Holze volunteered to check with businesses for permission to post an 8 1/2 x 11 poster to advertise this event. We will be needing tables and a tent. This is the day before Mother's Day and items that appeal to this are always popular. Please start gathering together plants from your gardens for the club to sell: divisions of perennials, veggies, herbs, etc. Label them well to include the name of the plant, a picture if possible, and any other info you know. We will go over the plans further at our April meeting.

Terry Van Eaton brought up the idea of our club organizing a fundraiser contest for the Eatonville community, possibly to benefit the Community Center food bank, to coordinate with the Christmas season festivities in Eatonville. He suggested businesses decorating their windows and others suggested a festival of trees type of event. Terry would chair this committee and Sammie Jo Thirtyacre, Dee Hanson and Lisa Libby volunteered to work with Terry to put together this idea over the next month and present it to the club for a vote at our April meeting. Pam Waring suggested we may be able to use it toward a Civic Development Project.

Sherry Hanson let us know that Columbia Crest A STEM Academy in the Ashford area is planning on expanding their gardening project to include an herb garden. They are asking for donations of herb plants. If you want to donate to their cause, please bring plants to the April meeting. Sherry will deliver plants to them.

Lisa Libby told us about a Backyard Marketplace she will be holding April 22nd & 23rd at her home in Mineral, 9-5 each day. You can set up your own table to sell items or just attend. Contact Lisa for more information.

Hill and Dale New Business:0

Lisa Libby passed a sign-up sheet for the upcoming District meeting on March 22nd. You can also come the day of the meeting and pay at the door. The cost is \$15 which includes lunch, a flower show which we can all enter according to the rules which were sent to members via email. You can enter horticulture from 8:30 to 9:30. Meeting starts at 10am. The meeting is held at the Dryer Masonic Center, 306-134th St S, Tacoma. The morning presentation is about growing African Violets. You can bring your own violets and get help figuring out what their problems are. There will be a "50/50" raffle, and a garden treasure sale which is a fund raiser for the district. You can bring items to donate to the sale, but if they don't sell, you need to take them home with you. The idea of renaming the District Meeting to "Garden Celebration" was brought up. Members thought it was a good idea.

Kathy Johnson is holding Zoom meetings on March 17th and 29th to start planning for the Pierce County Fair. Lisa will be sending a link to us if we are interested in joining in on this planning. It's the 75th anniversary of the Fair and the theme is "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow".

Sherry Matthews is stepping down from her fair board position and a volunteer is needed to fill her spot if any are interested.

There will be a district bus trip this year in June, more details to come.

Sammie Jo Thirtyacre, District Garden Therapy chairman, reports that this project is still on hold because of Covid. She will keep us informed when we will be allowed to do this project, possibly in May.

There will be no formal Arbor Day tree planting. It is suggested to plant a tree on our own. We were informed about a program sponsored by the City of Tacoma Metro Parks. You can apply for a discount coupon at: cityoftacoma.org/treecoupon.

- Raffle was held for 10 items.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm
- Lunch was served by our hostesses.
- Sherry Hanson played Irish tunes on her violin while we had lunch.
- Program was presented by speaker Randy Welcher on Fairy Gardens.
- The April 14th Dogwood meeting will be held at the Mineral Lake Lodge reception hall. Hostess is Carolyn McKelvie along with our other Mineral members. Lunch will be served.

Members Attending:

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| 1. Sharon Aguilar | 9. Carolyn McKelvie | 17. Sylvia Russell |
| 2. Fawn Bauer | 10. Kathy Mettler | 18. Nancy Schank |
| 3. Dee Hanson | 11. Darlene Nelson | 19. Jane Smith |
| 4. Sherry Hanson | 12. Rosemary Nordstrom | 20. Melody Stalk |
| 5. Kerilyn Hatcher | 13. Geneal Palmer | 21. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre |
| 6. Katy Hoffman | 14. Ginny Phillips | 22. Sharon Van Eaton |
| 7. Bev Holze | 15. Paulette Quirie | 23. Terry Van Eaton |
| 8. Lisa Libby | 16. Donna Rahier | 24. Pam Waring |

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips