

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes November 10, 2022

Business Meeting:

Meeting was called to order by Kathy Mettler, 10:30 am at the Ohop Grange. Thank you to hostess Geneal Palmer and co-hostesses Beth Runyan and Jane Smith.

21 members present.

Welcome to visitors Creig and Chris.

Lisa Libby motioned to approve September minutes as read via email. Approved by members.

No formal meeting was held in October. 12 members made a road trip to tour the Japanese Gardens at Tacoma Community College.

Written treasurer's report presented by Lisa Libby. Checking account balance \$5903.67.

Motioned by Fawn Bauer, 2nd by Pam Waring to approve the report. Approved by members.

Katy Hoffman suggested having thank you cards made, possibly using the design from the front of our new booklets, to be used to thank speakers, etc.

Chairman Reports:

Kathy proposed these reports be kept to 5 minutes unless there is discussion to be had. It was suggested we have a brief definition of each committee's job to be included in our yearbook.

Birds & Gardening - Nancy Schank- welcome to our new birds and gardening chairman. Nancy would like to introduce a plant to us and what benefits it is to birds at each meeting. Today she brought an "Edward Goucher" Abelia to share. It is a semi-evergreen, a Fall bloomer, loved by butterflies and hummingbirds and grows to 5-6 ft. It was then added to our raffle items.

Dogwood Park - Bev Holze & Dee Hanson - Bev presented a Charter that the committee has put together. They will be meeting monthly and other members of Dogwood are welcome to attend. They will report here every 2 months. Members in this group are Bev, Dee, Louise Harris, Darlene Nelson, Rosemary Nordstrom, Nancy Schank and Sammie Jo Thirtyacre. They encourage us to inform Bev of any issues we see at the Park. They will continue to partner with WSDOT in maintaining/ improving the park. Charter was accepted and approved by members.

Junior Gardeners - We are in need of a new chairman. If anyone has children/grandchildren interested in submitting to the Smokey Bear poster contest, contact Mary Bewley for information. Must be submitted by the end of November. Kathy Bowman, associate member, continues to work with her neighborhood children and grandchildren on this project.

Sunshine - Ginny Phillips- Messages sent to Darlene Nelson and Lisa L on recent issues. Melody Stalk informed us of Cathy Carver's possible hip surgery in the future. Kathy M read a condolence card received from Root and Bloom Garden Club on the passing of Sharon Aguilar.

Programs - Always open to ideas and suggestions. Question raised if the Mineral group can host in February instead of April. There is a possible concern if there is snow then, there would be a difficulty with parking. Carolyn McKelvie suggested maybe use the Grange site instead if that happens?

ECHO Reporter - Crystal Dorsey - Crystal unable to attend today. Anne Hartman, ECHO editor, suggests, if submitting info to her, please put "Dogwood" in the subject line. If submitting photos, send in jpeg form, or embedded in articles.

Garden Therapy - Sammie Jo Thirtyacre - not present today. Jane Smith did take part on October 27th. The residents enjoyed a wreath activity.

Historian - Melody Stalk- presented a Historian committee job description to the Board members. Mary turned over to Melody a wooden plaque award presented to the club in 1969.. Melody will continue to bring extra name tags to meetings for our use if needed.

Awards - Pam Waring has stepped down and we are in need of a new awards chairman. The awards folder has been turned over to Kathy Mettler.

Unfinished Business:

Dee Hanson let us know that there is no involvement this year as a club in the Eatonville Christmas project. If we want to participate individually we can do that on our own in accordance with what the city has planned. Geneal

let us know the Christmas parade will be on December 3rd and that the Lions club will be hosting a dinner that afternoon before the parade. Please call to sign up to attend the dinner.

Hill and Dale District News:

A sign up sheet was passed by Lisa for the next district meeting which will take place on November 29th. Morning speaker will be on trees. Our members will be donating items to our Christmas sale table. Suggestions are home grown produce, craft items, jams, etc. If you have items to donate but are unable to attend, you can drop them off to Mary Bewley. Please label your items with a price. Mary volunteered to man our table when the sale is in progress. Those wanting to help set up our table, please arrive at 9 am to help with this.

District thanked Dogwood for hostessing the floral show at the September district meeting.

Lisa let us know that the Tiny Homes project at the Orting Soldiers Home is closing down. The main Soldiers Home will still be there.

** Next meeting will be December 8th. More details later on the location of this meeting. We will be doing our Xmas gift exchange. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped unlabelled garden related gift. If you wish for the recipient to know who the gift is from, attach your name, but can also be anonymous.

** Raffle was held. We continued with a cost of \$1 per person to enter the raffle no matter how many items there are.

** Meeting adjourned at 12 pm.

Program: Presented on Mason Bees by Teri Johnson. A name from members present was randomly drawn to win Mason Bee cocoons and a bee house. Handouts were passed out by Teri.

Members Attending:

1. Mary Bewley	12. Geneal Palmer
2. Dee Hanson	13. Ginny Phillips
3. Anne Hartman	14. Donna Rahier
4. Keri Hatcher	15. Tina Royo
5. Katy Hoffman	16. Beth Runyan
6. Bev Holze	17. Sylvia Russell
7. Lisa Libby	18. Nancy Schank
8. Carolyn McKelvie	19. Jane Smith
9. Kathy Mettler	20. Melody Stalk
10. Darlene Nelson	21. Pam Waring
11. Rosemary Nordstrom	

Guests:

1. Crieg Kuwitzky - Creig became a member today.
2. Chris- friend of Beth Runyan / Member of Evergreen Garden club

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips