

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes March 9, 2023

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order by Kathy Mettler at 10:30 am. Thank you to DeGoede for hosting us. **18** members present.

Lisa Libby motioned to accept the February minutes as written. Approved by members present.

Treasurer's report given by Lisa Libby. Checking balance is \$5183.41. Tina Roy motioned to approve the report as submitted. Lisa began collecting dues for the upcoming club year today.

Chair Reports:

Sunshine: Ginny Phillips reported cking in with Kathy Carver, she is improving from recent hip surgery. Nancy Schank's husband just had heart surgery and Diane Mettler eye surgery. Messages sent to both.

Garden Therapy: Sammie Jo not present today but Louise Harris reported garden therapy took place Feb 23rd with several of our members present to work with 11 residents planting bulbs for their rooms.

Youth Gardening: Sherry Hanson unable to be present today. Kathy Mettler reported that Sammie Jo had been able to talk to Krista Heersink at the school district concerning our donation to the elementary schools for gardening endeavors. Columbia Crest is purchasing heirloom seeds; Eatonville Elementary is planning on using the money to support a 1st grade science experience in their greenhouse; Weyerhaeuser Elementary is planning on doing a greenhouse activity this spring or they may have students do some plantings at the front of the school. Geneal reported Kathy Bowman discontinuing working with kids after school on Wednesdays at the Methodist Church because of health. We will consult with Sherry as to restarting the youth gardening club at Eatonville Elementary. We would need to have a staff person involved in order to work with the children as per the principal.

Plant Sale: Diane Mettler not present today. Our sale is coming up May 6th. A sign up sheet was passed for us to sign up for how we can help with the sale. Lisa let us know Dave Schactler's (Eatonville Nursery) sister has plants we could dig to be donated to our plant sale.

Dogwood Park: Bev Holze reminded us of the upcoming clean-up at the park on March 25th 9:30 - 1:30. Please let Bev know if you are planning on attending. beverly.holze@gmail.com. Bring gloves and tools to work with. They will be meeting at the park March 16th, 10 am (prior to the clean-up on the 25th) to plan on priorities for the clean up day. The committee may be requesting funds in the future to begin doing some new plantings. Lisa informed them of a grant that can be applied for from the Tacoma Garden Society, deadline 3-16. Lisa will send info to Bev. The committee may still use Rocky for blackberry cleaning, etc.

New Business:

Our next meeting will be April 13th at the Kjelstad-Burwash Farm. We will be touring the farm and learning about the "GRITS" program which is part of the Eatonville School District. We will have only a brief meeting, no raffle, bring your own lunch.

Hill and Dale District Business: Kathy Mettler reported.

A sign up sheet was passed for the upcoming District meeting on March 28th, 10 am - 2 pm. \$15 includes lunch and 2 speakers. There will be a flower show for us to enter. Entries will be taken 8:30-9:30 am. Please fill out your entry tags prior to arriving to make your entries. Clubs are requested to donate a silent auction entry. Tina Roy made a motion, voted approved by members present, for the club to spend \$50-75 for our item and we will shop for it here at DeGoede if possible.

There is an upcoming Program offered by the District called "Metal Magic" to be held on May 20th, 10 am -3 pm. Cost is \$45, lunch included. You will be making a metal garden art object. They will provide metal items to work with and you may also bring your own items to include in your design.

The annual bus trip which includes a picnic and awards presentation will be held in June, more details later.

Sammie Jo Thirtyacre has been nominated for the position of secretary for the district. Lisa Libby has been nominated for 2nd assistant to the director.

Pierce County Fair will be held August 10-13th. There will be 3 planning Zoom meetings held March 17th, March 24th and April 21st, starting at 10am. Everyone is welcome to attend these zoom meetings. The theme of this year's fair is "Experience the Magic".

Meeting adjourned 11:35 am.

Program: Presented by Marsha Manley of the Mossyrock Garden Club on cleaning and sharpening our tools.

Members Present: 18

Mary Bewley
Leslee Dunlap
Dee Hanson
Louise Harris
Katy Hoffman
Bev Holze
Craig Kuwitzky
Lisa Libby
Carolyn McKelvie
Kathy Mettler
Darlene Nelson
Rosemary Nordstrom
Geneal Palmer
Ginny Phillips
Tina Roy
Sylvia Russell
Melody Stalk
Pam Waring

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips