

Dogwood Garden Club
November, 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order by President **Diane Mettler** at 10:30 AM.

Thank you to hostess **Ginny Phillips** and co-hostess **Diane Mettler**.

Roll Call taken: 19 members present. One guest, **Sherry Hanson**, daughter of Ginny Phillips, joined us mid-way through our meeting.

One change to October meeting minutes pointed out....**Sharon Aguilar** challenged us to grow the largest Buttercup flower not squash during our next growing season. Minutes then motioned and 2nd by members to be approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report was given by **Mary Bewley** for **Ilse Trujillo**.

Chairman Reports:

Diane Mettler reported for **Rosie Trujillo** on Dogwood Park Clean-up. There were 7 members present: Rosie Trujillo, Mary Bewley, Kathleen Owen, Sharon Aguilar, Kathy Mettler, Diane Mettler and Ginny Phillips. A lot of clean-up was accomplished. Rocks in the area thought to be missing and possibly taken, seem to have been moved to block a neighboring fence gap. Our hard work was rewarded by donuts and coffee furnished by Rosie with lunch following in Eatonville.

Mary Bewley reminded us of the free Design Class held the 3rd Thursday each month at the Midland Community Center. Bring materials and containers if available. **Mary** updated us on the status of the Pierce County Fair flower show...she will be acting as chairman, 50 entries per person will be allowed, the theme is "Barnyard Dynasty", volunteers are always needed so keep it in mind for next year.

Old Business:

Kathy Mettler shared pictures and memories of Ostrum Mushroom Farm outing in June. She reminded us the farm has free silage available in March each year. You must sign up for this in advance.

New Business:

Diane told us about a book written by herself and husband **Chris Bivins** available soon and passed a sign up sheet for purchasing copies.

Diane told us of an offer to decorate a room in the Meeker Mansion for Xmas. It was discussed and the club voted to decline.

It was suggested to possibly plant bowls of spring bulbs to be sold at our May Day plant sale. It was decided not to do this as it would be difficult to time the blooming. **Diane** will speak with the Old Goat Farm owners about possible use of their greenhouse for growing items for our plant sale.

Betty Allison proposed we donate a Magnolia tree to the Eatonville Methodist Church's 100th Birthday celebration. A motion was made and 2nd to order a tree for \$50 from Mary Schactler owner of the Eatonville Nursery to donate.

Hill and Dale New Business:

Mary reminded us of the upcoming District Meeting and unjudged flower show on December 3rd, encouraging us to enter. Meeting held at the Dryer Masonic Center.

Next Meeting will be held at Mary Bewley's home on December 12th. It will be potluck. Bring a small gift for our exchange, and your favorite tool from the garden to show and tell.

\$2 meeting fee collected from members.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Lunch and dessert was served by our hostesses.

Raffle

Our speaker, **Marlayne Elliff** shared her creations and ideas for using recycled and/or new items to make creative decorations. She gave each member supplies to make a decorated gift bag.

Minutes recorded by Ginny Phillips, Secretary