

Dogwood's Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2020

Business Meeting:

Zoom meeting brought to order at 10:30 am by President Diane Mettler. Thank you Diane for hosting this meeting. This is the first virtual event ever for our club because of the isolation orders in effect for the Covid-19 virus.

13 members present.

No meeting was held in April due to social isolation being in effect. Diane moved for the March 2020 meeting minutes to be approved as read by members. Voted approved by those members present.

Treasurer's report given by treasurer Lisa Libby. Lisa wondered if we wanted all members or just the board to work on the upcoming year's budget. It was approved by those present to have the board work on the budget. Lisa pointed out that our donation checks to the Disaster Relief Fund have not been turned in by the district for the past two years. A motion was made by Pam Waring, 2nd by Diane to donate these unused funds and future funds to the "Penny Pines" Fund instead of to the Disaster Relief Fund. This was voted approved by members present. Penny Pines funds are used to plant 100 trees per every \$68 donated to areas devastated by forest fires. Dues will continue to be collected for the upcoming year. Lisa will be contacting members who have not yet paid their dues.

Chairman Reports:

Sunshine report given by Ginny Phillips. Please continue to notify Ginny if you know of a member who needs a sunshine greeting sent out. Lisa Libby let us know that the District Sunshine chairman, Doris Yuckert, could use a little cheer as she lost a family member.

New Business:

Diane and Kathy Mettler will be hosting a drive by plant sale along the road by their property on this Saturday, May 16th from 10 am to 2 pm. Payment will be by donation. This will act as a replacement for our cancelled May Day plant sale. If you have plants to donate to this event, let Diane know and you can drop off at her house, top of driveway. Please label your plants with names and growing info if possible. If you know what you will be dropping off, let Diane know by tomorrow and she can include them in a plant list she is putting together. And of course come and buy plants. Proceeds will go to Dogwood Garden club. Diane will post the sale on Eatonville Facebook pages. It was suggested we could do this at other times of the year also.

Diane and Chris Bivins shared the idea of having t-shirts made with beautiful gardening designs done by Chris. We all really liked the idea as an item we could buy for ourselves and/or to sell. Diane will send us pictures and info to go over. It would be more cost effective to order in bulk rather than individually.

Diane told us about a new product she is trying. It's an organic weed killer composed of vinegar and soap. So far it has worked well. She will send us more info as she monitors how it works.

The flower basket donation to the town of Eatonville was discussed. It was decided to donate \$125 this year which includes the \$25 we were unable to donate as planned to the daffodil float. The float was cancelled due to Covid-19 closures.

Hill and Dale District New Business:

Mary Bewley let us know there will be no District Garden Therapy in May.

Mary wonders about our club's contribution to the design to be made and delivered to the winner of the bouquet a month district project which was won by our member Linda Evaro. Our club is assigned to do the May delivery. Diane and Kathy Mettler will put it together and deliver to her gate.

The District Meeting, May 26th, will be a virtual meeting. Lisa Libby will send us info on how we can take part by submitting pictures of our gardens, etc. Entries need to be submitted by May 20th to Kathy Johnson at kathyj16@msn.com. Please look over the info Lisa sends for directions on how to take your pictures. Lisa informed us that the State Convention has been moved to September 29th through October 1st in Ellensburg, Washington. Registration is going on now.

Our next garden club meeting on June 11th will depend again on if the isolation orders continue. If so we will try a Zoom meeting again. Regardless of how we meet, Diane suggested we all take pictures of our gardens between now and then and submit them to Diane to be put into a virtual garden tour. We could then narrate our pictures as they come up.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Members Present:

1. Mary Bewley
2. Leslee Dunlap
3. Sherry Hanson
4. Katy Hoffman
5. Lisa Libby
6. Diane Mettler
7. Kathy Mettler
8. Darlene Nelson
9. Geneal Palmer
10. Ginny Phillips
11. Melody Stalk
12. Pam Waring
13. Bryn Williams

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips