

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes September 8, 2022

Business Meeting:

Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Mettler at 10:35 am. Thank you to our hostess Kathy Mettler and co-hostesses Bev Holze and Diane Mettler.

20 members present.

Welcome to guest Louise Harris. (Louise then joined our club at the end of our meeting.)

Lisa Libby motioned to approve the June minutes as read via email. Voted approved by those present.

Treasurer's report given by Lisa Libby. Discussion was had for the proposed budget for the 2022-2023 year. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre gave us information concerning proposed donations to horticulture programs at the Eatonville schools. The high school and middle schools take part in the local Grits program which is funded by loans and grants. Sherry Hanson suggested that the line item in the proposed budget for donations to the Eatonville School District Horticulture Programs be increased from \$250 to \$300 so that Eatonville Elementary, Weyerhaeuser Elementary and Columbia Crest A-Stem Academy would receive \$100 each for their horticulture programs. This will be donated via Krista Heersink, the school district business manager. Diane Mettler recommended that the line item for donations/fundraisers and awards be increased by \$50 to balance at \$2,550. Motion was made by Beth Runyan, 2nd by Darlene Nelson and voted by members present to accept the budget as submitted by the treasurer. Lisa asked for volunteers to audit the books. Bev Holze and Darlene Nelson volunteered to do this. Kathy Mettler suggested in future when we propose a new project that we submit a possible budget for that project.

Chairman Reports:

Birds & Gardening: Sadly our chairman, Sharon Aguilar, passed away 8-28-2022. We have another member who may be interested in being chairman. Kathy Mettler will contact her to discuss this.

Dogwood Park - Diane Mettler: Diane is stepping down from this committee and will turn it over to the other committee members (Bev Holze, Dee Hanson, Sammie Jo Thirtyacre and Rosemary Nordstrom). It will be time for the fall clean up at the park in October. Diane will pass on the contact info for maintenance man Rocky and for the DOT to the other members. We members should always feel free to stop by anytime to pick up trash at the park, but it is under the responsibility of the DOT to manage the park. Bev mentioned that the Blue Star Marker is needing to be spruced up. Diane pointed out that Judy Swartz from the district is working on updating the markers around the state.

Junior Gardeners- Mary Bewley: Mary wishes to step down from this committee as it has been inactive over the last couple years because of covid restrictions. Maybe the teachers will be taking over the gardening at the elementary school once school gets started and we could work with them in whatever program they are doing? Sammy Jo Thirtyacre will check into this.

Sunshine - Ginny Phillips: A memorial for Sharon Aguilar will be held on September 18th, 1-4 pm at the Ohop Grange in Eatonville. A sympathy card was passed to sign for Sharon's family. Kathy Mettler let us know that Lisa Libby's brother recently passed away. Our condolences to her.

Programs - Dee Hanson: The committee has been working on the programs for our meetings in 2022-2023. An idea sheet was passed again for us to submit suggestions. They are looking into going on a field trip to the Japanese Friendship Garden in Tacoma for our October meeting. We agreed we would like to do this. Dee will send details when they are confirmed. Another idea for a meeting program is Wild Birds Unlimited. Along with that, Dee is wondering about putting up a bird feeder in remembrance of Sharon Aguilar at an Eatonville location such as the Visitor Center or one of the parks. We will consider this idea.

ECHO Reporter - Crystal Dorsey: The news report to the ECHO was unable to be included in the recent issue, so Crystal shared it with us on our agenda along with a remembrance of Sharon Aguilar.

Garden Therapy - Sammie Jo Thirtyacre: Sammie Jo is unsure if this district activity will be taking place yet but will know soon and will notify us. The next proposed time would take place October 27th. It is a much enjoyed activity for the seniors and volunteers.

Historian - Melody Stalk: Melody is not available to be here today, but she and Diane Mettler will be meeting to work on this project soon. Dogwood started as a club in 1952. Diane has been given some very early booklets etc from the early days of the club and will be giving these to Melody.

70th Anniversary - Donna Rahier: Donna reports that our 4th of July "float", a vintage red pick-up driven by owner Jerry, was a success. It was decorated with flowers and a new magnetic Dogwood sign. Members rode in it to celebrate our club's 70th anniversary. Thank you to Donna and all our club participants for making it a success.

Plant Sale - Diane Mettler volunteered to take over this committee

Unfinished Business:

Christmas Eatonville Project - Terry Van Eaton: Terry was unable to attend today. Sharon Van Eaton reported for Terry, The committee is still waiting for information from the Eatonville Small Business Association to make decisions on the plan for the town's Christmas celebrations as we need to fit in with that. They will give us a report in October.

New Business:

Our next meeting will be held on October 13th. Details will be sent to members as they are confirmed by the program committee.

We discussed whether to keep the raffle the same as always, having the choice of paying 50 cents per item in the raffle. This time we decided to change this to pay \$1.00 per person to enter the raffle no matter how many items are included.

Hill & Dale District News:

Pierce County Fair: many of our members volunteered to help clean, set-up, decorate, accept Jr entries, and hostess at the fair. Thanks to all for their participation.

Lisa informed us of the upcoming District meeting on September 27th to be held at the Dryer Masonic Hall, 306 - 134th St S, Tacoma, WA 98444. The cost is \$15 which includes lunch and 2 programs. The programs this time are on Roses, presented by the Rose Society, and landscaping difficult places in the garden presented by Vassey Nursery. There will be a flower show which Dogwood is responsible for clerking this time. We need 4 volunteers to help place entries and clerk for the judges. A sign up sheet was passed. Please contact Lisa Libby to sign up for the meeting. 360-492-3007, libby@centurytel.net.

Judy Strickland, our speaker today, informed us of an upcoming free event which includes lunch on October 11th, 2022. It will take place at the Dryer Masonic Hall in Tacoma, titled "Key to Your Club", by speaker Robin Pokorski. It is presented by the WSFGC (Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs). Contact Elise for more info and to reserve your seat: elisearseneau@gmail.com or LeAnna McMahan, 360-520-2045, gotmilk@lewiscounty.com.

Kathy Mettler let us know the "Vision of Beauty" calendars are available from District for \$10. They will be available at the district meeting.

** Raffle was held.

** Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

** Lunch was served by our hostesses.

** **Program** was presented by Judy Strickland, floral judge from Hill and Dale District. We all brought a flower from our gardens in a vase. Judy "judged" our entries and gave suggestions for entering horticulture. She encouraged us to enter items in the floral show at the upcoming district meeting. Ribbons, made by Bev Holze and her sister, were awarded to the winners. Judy also instructed us on being clerks at the floral show.

Members Attending:

1. Mary Bewley
2. Dee Hanson
3. Sherry Hanson
4. Keri Lynn Hatcher
5. Katy Hoffman
6. Bev Holze
7. Lisa Libby
8. Carolyn McKelvie
9. Diane Mettler
10. Kathy Mettler
11. Darlene Nelson
12. Rosemary Nordstrom
13. Geneal Palmer
14. Ginny Phillips
15. Paulette Quirie
16. Donna Rahier
17. Tina Royo
18. Beth Runyan
19. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre
20. Sharon Van Eaton

Guest:

Louise Harris - Louise became a member of our club today.

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips