

## **Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes September 12, 2019**

### **Business Meeting:**

Meeting called to order by President Diane Mettler at 10:35 am at Windmill Gardens in Sumner Washington. She thanked all members for their participation volunteering for all the different projects, etc throughout the past year.

**18** members present.

Welcome to guest Beth Runyan and to returning member Marsha Burroughs.

Motion made by Lisa Libby, and voted by members present to approve the June minutes as read by members via email.

Treasurer's report given by Treasurer Lisa Libby.

### **New Business:**

Mary Bewley passed around a copy of the District roster for us to check our personal information for accuracy.

A sign-up sheet was passed by Lisa Libby for the upcoming District meeting on September 24th. It is held at the Dryer Masonic Center, 306 - 134th Street South, Tacoma, WA, 10:00 am - 2pm. Floral entries are received from 8:30 - 9:30. Cost is \$15 which includes lunch, flower show and 2 programs. **Our club is responsible for clerking for the floral show this time.** Some of us need to be there by 7:30 am to help set up, receive floral entries as they arrive, assist the judges while they judge the entries and then to clean up at the end of the day. Some members can help earlier, and some later to spread out the duties. Please respond to Lisa Libby to sign up, [llibby@centurytel.net](mailto:llibby@centurytel.net), 360-492-3007.

Our club booklets are in the process of being put together. Copies of the year's meeting dates were passed out. Next meeting will be at Mel Cox's Christmas Tree Farm, Eatonville.

Melody Stalk and Ginny recently cleaned up the containers outside the Community Center. We discussed what perennial type plants members might have to share to spruce up these 6 pots which are on the north side of the building. Please contact Ginny, [grgiphil@gmail.com](mailto:grgiphil@gmail.com), or Melody, [thestalks@rainierconnect.com](mailto:thestalks@rainierconnect.com), if you have plants you could contribute.

Lisa Libby led a discussion about what project would be good to apply for a grant from the Tacoma Garden Club. We could apply for a maximum of \$500 and agreed that Dogwood Park would be the best place to apply this benefit, if awarded. Lisa will submit for this grant. We could use these funds to help pay for large maintenance of the park and possibly to help fund gradual replacement of plantings. We will consult with our member Nancy Schank on possible plants to replace at Dogwood Park. Lisa will also notify the Columbia Crest A STEM Academy that this opportunity is available to apply to for their gardening projects.

New name tags were donated to us by Melody Stalk. Thank you Melody.

### **Old Business:**

Pierce County Fair was again a big success. Thanks to members who helped receive entries, donated time setting up and serving as hostesses in the floral building. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre won several award ribbons and the grand prize award for her Pink Lace Hydrangea. This was her first time ever to enter items. She even won money!

### **Hill and Dale New Business:**

The following info was presented by Mary Bewley:

- She reminded us of the need for volunteers to help at the upcoming District Meeting floral show on September 24th.
- There is a request for old shoes or boots of any type for District to use for next year's Pierce County Fair activities for the children. She will begin collecting them at the next few meetings.
- The district is having a raffle fundraiser. The club that wins will receive a plant and/or design per month for a year to be used to donate however they decide. Lisa Libby will keep track of these tickets we are assigned to sell for 5 for \$5. We are responsible to sell a certain number assigned to us.

Lisa Libby let us know that each garden club will be making crafts to sell at the December 3rd District Meeting. She had a suggestion of making wreaths and swags as our project. Discussion followed. Mary Schactler of Eatonville Nursery may have a wreath maker we could use. Also Sharon Aguilar has one and we could possibly work on this project in her chicken house. We would need to gather lots of greens, etc. The Van Eaton's say they have lots of Holly. Lisa Hoversten suggested cking with the Schactlers to see if we could buy a limited amt of wreath frames from them to use for this project. She also suggested salal, snow berry and cedar boughs as good materials to use. If anyone has other ideas for this project, let us know.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Raffle was held.

**Program:** presented by Windmill Gardens on making containers for the Fall and Winter seasons. We learned how to make a " lasagna " pot by layering bulbs and topped off with hardy plants as the topping!

We gathered at the Windmill Bistro for lunch which was covered by Dogwood Garden Club today as a thank you for all the volunteer hours donated during the past year, those that will be generously given during the upcoming year and to welcome in a fun and fruitful new garden club year.

**Members Present:**

1. Sharon Aguilar
2. Mary Bewley
3. Marsha Burroughs
4. Linda Evaro
5. Sherry Hanson
6. Anne Hartman
7. Kerilynn Hatcher
8. Lisa Hoversten
9. Lisa Libby
10. Diane Mettler
11. Kathy Mettler
12. Ginny Phillips
13. Lynne Smith
14. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre
15. Sharon Van Eaton
16. Terry Van Eaton
17. Pam Waring
18. Bryn Williams

**Guest:** Beth Runyan

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips

