

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes November 8, 2018

Business Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Diane Mettler at 10:35 am.

Thank you to hostess Sherry Hanson and co-hostesses Lisa Hoversten and Ginny Phillips.

18 members present.

Welcome to guest Claudia Hoversten, mother-in-law to Lisa Hoversten and visiting from Alaska.

Motion made to approve October minutes as read by members by Lisa Libby and voted approved by members present.

Diane suggests we check out the Dogwood Garden Club website. It has been updated and includes links to our Facebook page, copies of our minutes and many other useful things.

Treasurer report given by Treasurer Lisa Libby.

Diane informed us that member Anne Hartman's husband is dealing with a sudden illness. A card was passed to send to Anne.

Discussion was had on possibility of having Sue Goetz as a speaker in the spring. It was suggested maybe our April meeting at The Mineral School might be a good place to schedule her. Diane will be contacting her for availability. We could possibly use this as an opportunity to invite other clubs in our district to join us for this event.

Food was donated by members today for the Eatonville Family Agency food bank.

Diane pointed out that the recent Mary Bridge Country Bazaar in Eatonville was very successful. It might be something for us to consider putting items in from the club to sell for a money making project besides earning money that is donated to Mary Bridge.

"Country Pleasures" magazine posted an article on the arrangement making workshop at the last District meeting. There was a picture of our member Jane Smith with her completed arrangement.

Chairman Report:

Dogwood Park clean-up in October was not well attended. The weather was not helpful. Mary Bewley, Sherry Hanson, Linda Evaro, Kathleen Owen, and Mary Schactler, who is a neighbor to the park, put in a lot of work. An additional date was decided on to plant daffodil bulbs provided by Kathleen a few days later and again there were not many who were able to attend. Mary Bewley divided the bulbs into baggies and requested members present today take a small baggie and take to the park to plant at their leisure. It was also decided to plant part of the remaining bulbs in the flower barrels around the town of Eatonville. Diane pointed out the Park is showing its age. Plantings are overgrown, crowded and needing updating. Most of these plantings were put in around 1989. Such a large project is above our ability to take on on our own. Diane is investigating with the DOT as to what can be done to get some help with such a project. Nancy Schank has consented to act as an advisor to meet with DOT personnel if needed to discuss possibilities.

Old Business:

Our club booklets are not quite ready for distribution. Diane will be checking with Staples for printing.

A gingerbread house committee planning meeting was held on October 16th. Lisa Libby showed us a design model she had made for the theme of a chicken house. She and others have collected many edible items for construction. A date was set up for construction on Saturday November 24th, 10 am at Kathy Mettler's house. The completed project will be entered in the gingerbread house competition at District meeting November 27th.

Mary Bewley reminded us to turn in to her any pictures and notes we have of our Poinsettias so she can complete putting together the report on our year long Poinsettia Challenge to enter for an award. Please submit these to her as soon as possible. Even if your plant failed, submit your experience as that is all part of the challenge. A number of members still do have live plants. We will bring our plants to the December meeting so that Diane can judge the winner of the project.

Hill and Dale District Business:

Mary let us know the next District Meeting will take place November 27th at the Dryer Masonic Center, 306 134th St S, Tacoma, 98444, 10 am. Please contact Lisa Libby by the 20th if you plan to attend as she'll be turning in our reservation. You may enter horticulture in an unjudged show. Entries start at 8:30. Cost is \$15 which includes lunch and programs. Gail Harte will be the morning speaker on making Christmas swags and wreaths. The afternoon program will be the gingerbread house competition. You may also enter the individual gingerbread person competition. Wear your fancy hats and gloves if you want! There will be a sale of Christmas themed items by the Ways and Means committee also, so bring any decorations to donate that you may be sorting out. Each club is asked to bring gingerbread treats. A sign up sheet was passed for treat making volunteers and attendees.

Linda Evaro and Sammie Jo Thirtyacre attended the District Garden Therapy session for seniors. They are still looking for a new chairperson for this District committee if anyone is interested.

Lisa L is interested in entering Art In Bloom as a Civic Development project hopefully for an award. There are many ideas in the awards booklet for things to enter and the deadlines. Contact Lisa for details. We will discuss this further at our January meeting so we can organize ourselves for doing projects to enter.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Raffle was held.

Lunch was served by our hostesses.

Program: Mary Schactler, professional horticulturist and owner of Eatonville Nursery on Campbell Lane, demonstrated making holiday style arrangements in various containers and how to put together swags. She recommends going outside and gathering interesting and beautiful greens, etc from our yards or the nearby woods. As she demonstrated different arrangements, she gave out several plants to members to plant and enjoy in their yards.

Members Present:

1. Sharon Aguilar
2. Mary Bewley
3. Sharon Burlingame
4. Marcia Burroughs
5. Linda Evaro
6. Sherry Hanson
7. Keri Lynn Hatcher
8. Lisa Hoversten
9. Lisa Libby
10. Diane Mettler
11. Kathy Mettler
12. Geneal Palmer
13. Ginny Phillips
14. Nancy Schank
15. Jane Smith
16. Melody Stalk
17. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre
18. Sharon Van Eaton

Guest:

Claudia Hoversten