

Dogwood Garden Club
Meeting Minutes November 15, 2012

BUSINESS MEETING

- Meeting called to order 10:40 a.m. at the home of Debbie Price by Secretary Debbie Price. Thank you to Debbie and Mary for hosting.
- 20 members in attendance, including new member, Linda Scott. Welcome, Linda!
- October minutes approved as written.
- Treasurer's report:
 - October: Checking \$674.65, C.D. \$1,316.81, Total: 1,991.46
 - November: Checking \$702.65, C.D. \$1,316.92, Total: 2,019.57
 - These totals do not reflect the \$350 we earned from the conifer sale with Dollars for Scholars, or the payment for the printing of yearbooks.
- **Chairman Report:**
 - Helen Neighbor reported on the cleanup at the Dogwood Park on October 16th. Only four members attended. While these members accomplished a great deal of work, we need to have better turn out. There was a suggestion that we each take it upon ourselves individually to stop and pick up trash, pull a few weeds, etc when we have an extra few minutes. There was also discussion of focusing more on the "curb appeal" of the park from Meridian, as that side often looks weedy and untended.
 - Mary Bewley reported on the Junior Garden Club arrangements using coffee mugs. All the children received a ribbon from the holiday show in Everett.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - Preparation for the December celebration of our club's 60th Anniversary, to be held in conjunction with our December meeting.
 - Paulette Quirie and Darlene Broadhurst will coordinate cake – either from Darlene's friend who is a baker or the local bakery in Eatonville.
 - Deanna Simons will make corsages for the special guests
 - Debbie and Diane will mail invitations to past presidents and a guest, founding members, district director and state presidents. We ask guests and members to RSVPs directly to Deana Simons
 - Potluck to include only non-dessert foods; dessert will be cake.
 - Debbie and Mary will get photos of early garden club events for a poster board. Mary will get Dogwood papers from Vera Byrd.

- Remaining club year books handed out to be distributed by members to those not in attendance. Debbie will mail Myrna Hecht's book.
 - Canned goods collected for food bank
 - Conifer Sale earned \$350 for the club!
- **New Business:**
 - Volunteer opportunity at NW Trek was shared with the membership. Dates for upcoming tree planting work are Nov 17th, Dec 1st, and Jan 5th. All work sessions are from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers need to dress for the weather and bring gloves, water bottles, and snacks.
 - **Hill & Dale District Business:**
 - Next District meeting will be November 27 at 10:00 a.m. new district meeting location: Dryer Masonic Center 306 134th St. S. Tacoma, WA 98444 253-539-9928
 - Mary Bewley discussed the design entry classes – focus on the color that the design title brings to mind, not necessarily the subject of the title.
 - Members are strongly encouraged to attend the district meetings and participate in the non-judged design exhibition and hands on classes!
 - Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.
 - Next meeting Thursday, Dec 13th at the home of Deanna Simons. Food will be Christmas potluck, please bring non-desserts; our dessert will be the cake for the 60th anniversary celebration.
 - Raffle
 - Program: Bonsai design by Kathy Mettler; she made it look so easy, many members were inspired by her passion for and knowledge of bonsai. We expect to see your entries at the Puyallup fair next year, Kathy!