

Dogwood Garden Club Meeting Minutes May 12, 2022

1030-10:50 am: Mayor David Baublits welcomed us to our use of the Eatonville Visitor Center for our meeting. He highlighted some upcoming things taking place in Eatonville. He asked for input on the condition and upkeep on the Dogwood Blue Star Marker Park that our club helps to maintain. He told us they have volunteers and equipment available to work at the park. They are suggesting taking out trees/brush to aid in visibility into the park from the road and hopefully cut back on people dumping trash there. He said they would also like to have the drive through area paved to help cut down on the potholes. We told him we would discuss and get back to him.

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order by President Kathy Mettler at 10:50 am at the Eatonville Visitor Center. Thank you to hostess Jane Smith and co-hostess Paulette Quirie.

23 members present.

Welcome to our **2** guests, Penny Swanson and Greg. Both attended our recent plant sale and were invited to attend our meeting. Penny Swanson joined our club today.

Lisa Libby and Melody Stalk motioned to approve and accept the April 14th minutes as read via email. Minutes approved by those present.

Treasurer's report presented by treasurer Lisa Libby. Checking account total \$5256.46. Proceeds from our plant sale on May 7th were \$1300.00. Dues for the 2022-2023 club year continued to be collected.

Lisa will be updating a new roster when all members are finalized for the 2022-2023 year. She turns in the membership to the district in June. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre and Melody motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Approved by those present.

Chairman Reports:

Birds and Gardening chairman Sharon Aguilar reported a hawk was seen hunting a bird on her property. Fawn Bauer commented on the break out of bird flu in our area and to be aware of possible warnings to take down our feeders.

Dogwood Park chairman Diane Mettler was not present today, but we discussed the question regarding work offered in the park by Mayor Baublits. The park is managed by the WSDOT. We believe permission would need to be obtained from them before such extensive work could be done. Rosemary Nordstrom, Bev Holze, Dee Hanson and Sammie Jo volunteered to ck with Diane and to meet with the mayor if needed to discuss WSDOT needing to be consulted for permission.

Sunshine chairman Ginny Phillips reported a card was sent to Kerilyn Hatcher. Sharon Aguilar says Kerilyn is much improved after a quad accident. A surprise thank you signed by members and gift cards were presented to Ginny.

Garden Therapy chairman, Sammie Jo Thirtyacre, reports that District Garden Therapy is a go unless we are notified differently by the facility. Date: May 26th, 10-11:30 am at Silver Creek Retirement and Assisted Living, 17607 91st Ave E, Puyallup. The project will be making spring wreaths to be hung on the resident's doors. Jane Smith and possibly Paulete Quirie will be Dogwood's volunteers. 2 volunteers from each garden club in the district are encouraged to join in.

Historian and Name tag chairman, Melody Stalk, will be meeting with Diane Mettler and gathering Dogwood memorabilia to begin organizing. She will make new name tags as needed for new members. She has spare tags to wear at our meetings if you have forgotten yours.

Plant Sale chairman, Lisa Libby, reports a successful sale on May 7th at the Visitor Center. Proceeds were by donation. Earnings reported in the treasurer's report. Bev Holze gets kudos for great

labels for her plants. Thanks to everyone for plant contributions and helping at the sale. Lisa announced she is stepping down as plant sale chairman and turned over her supplies today.

Please continue reporting club news to our ECHO reporter, Crystal Dorsey.

Unfinished Business:

No news on appointing a new club secretary.

Dee Hanson reported for the Christmas project committee led by Terry Van Eaton. They are still exploring options and consulting with what Eatonville is planning. Their idea of a festival of trees was discussed. The trees, suggested to be decorated by town businesses, could be displayed at the Visitor Center and auctioned off for a fundraiser for the food bank. It was suggested by Carolyn McKelvie to do a raffle of the trees, and Penny Swanson suggested a silent auction. The committee suggests we could serve cookies and cider to those touring the trees. An alternate idea was to make wreaths instead of trees. They will report more news at our next meeting.

New Business:

This year is the 70th anniversary of Dogwood Garden Club. Kathy Mettler asked for ideas of ways to celebrate. Donna Rahier suggested decorating a float/trailer that we could ride in the 4th of July parade. We could maybe decorate hats to wear, give out flowers, etc. We would need a truck and trailer. Donna volunteered to be chairman for this project and Paulette volunteered to help.

Kathy Mettler reminded us Memorial Day is coming up. We have made small bouquets to be placed on veteran's graves at the cemetery in the past but because of Covid we have been unable to do this for a couple years. We decided we would do this again if maybe the Boy Scouts would be interested in helping to place the bouquets. Lisa will check with the scouts to see if they want to help us place bouquets. Sharon says we can meet at her "chicken house" to make about 120 bouquets. More details to follow soon.

Our district representative, president Kathy Mettler, reported on district news:

Metal Magic taking place on May 14th.

District Meeting will be on May 24th at the Dryer Masonic Center, 306-134th St S, Tacoma. Horticulture entries for the flower show will be taken from 8:30-9:30 am. Meeting 10am, morning speaker and pm design presentation. See ECHO for more info. \$15 includes lunch, a flower show and programs. Pre-register with Lisa Libby or come and pay at the door. Sign up sheet passed.

Bus trip June 23rd. Need to sign up very soon by contacting Chris at 253-820-5907. Cost \$25.

Pierce County Fair, August 11-14. Mary Bewley is in charge of youth entries on August 10th. Sign up sheet to help her out was passed. There will be other activities that will need volunteers, sign ups to come later.

District scholarship fund - you can apply for this for gardening projects. If you want to help on this project or to apply for this, contact Gail Harte, 56gailharte@gmail.com, 253-777-8782.

** Raffle was held.

** Next meeting will be hosted by Melody Stalk, co-hosted by Lisa Libby on June 9th.

** Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

** Lunch was served by our hostesses.

** Program was presented on native plants by Dr. Linda Chaulker-Scott, Extension Horticulturist and Associate Professor, Puyallup Research & Extension Center, Washington State University.

Members Attending:

1. Sharon Aguilar
2. Fawn Bauer
3. Mary Bewley
4. Kathy Carver
5. Leslee Dunlap
6. Dianne Gonzalez
7. Dee Hanson
8. Sherry Hanson
9. Anne Hartman
10. Katy Hoffman
11. Bev Holze
12. Lisa Libby
13. Carolyn McKelvie
14. Kathy Mettler
15. Rosemary Nordstrom
16. Geneal Palmer
17. Ginny Phillips
18. Paulette Quirie
19. Donna Rahier
20. Sylvia Russell
21. Jane Smith
22. Melody Stalk
23. Sammie Jo Thirtyacre

Guests:

1. Greg
2. Penny Swanson