**Dogwood Garden Club Meeting MInutes**

**March 11, 2021**

**Business Meeting:**

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

 **11** members present.

 Motion made by Lisa Libby, 2nd by Mary Bewley and voted by members present to approve the February 2021 minutes as read via email.

 Treasurer’s report given by Treasurer Lisa Libby.  Checking account balance is $3842.07.  Diane will check with Rocky our Dogwood Park landscape worker to make sure he received our payment for his work as our check has not been cashed.  Lisa reminded us that the collection of dues for the upcoming garden club year has begun.  The membership fee is $25 and can be sent to her via check to P.O. Box 245, Mineral, WA 98355. Or you can pay through Venmo.

**Chairman Report:**

 Sunshine chairman Ginny Phillips reported she’d received a note from Kathy Bowman in thanks for a sunshine message.  Ginny sent several “ just checking in” notes and calls to members.  Lisa informed us our District Director Rachel Jenning’s father passed away.  We will send a card from Dogwood.

 Mary Bewley reported the Juniors are not meeting yet, but will be getting together in May to do a succulent planting project.

**New Business:**

 Next meeting will be in Mineral, April 8th at the Mineral Lake Lodge.  More details to follow later.

 Our member Bryn Williams along with her husband Al have a website to showcase their art work which is amazing.  Visit their site to see what they are offering. http://www.alchemyranchstudios.com/ .  Bryn sells prints of her work and they have a newsletter too.

 Kathy Mettler reported good results using Kelp fertilizer.  She started using it on some Amaryllis bulbs about 10 weeks ago and they are getting close to blooming.

 Bryn Williams suggested a field trip to Founding Family Antiques owned by members Terry and Sharon Van Eaton.

 Diane told us about a new business she is starting.  It is a subscription bouquet service.  More info to follow.  She is also working on a new book with a friend.  It involves remaking/updating bouquets from old photos in weddings, etc.  If you have any old photos to share with her, send them along to diane@spilledinkstudio.com.

**Old Business:**

 DIscussed the upcoming plant sale.  DIane has been potting up plants as she is cleaning up.  Encouraged us to do the same.  We decided to check on the possibility of doing the sale at the Eatonville VIsitor Center, Diane will check on reserving this.  We decided to hold the sale on May 7 or 8th.  It is unsure if there will be a May Day program/event at the High School.  Rosemary Nordstrom checked with the district office and they will be making a decision at their board meeting March 26th, but they are leaning toward not having it the event.  It was decided we would do a pay by donation method again.  We would need to set up tables, a tent for some cover and tarps on the ground to set our plants on. We will discuss further at next month's meeting.

 Lisa reported on delivering the donated items to the Tiny Homes project site at the Soldier’s home in Orting.  She and several others from Hill and Dale district attended.  The organizers were amazed and so appreciative of the amount of items donated. They took pictures.  There will be further opportunities to help them out, hopefully with gardening projects, in the future.

 Remember to plant up a container for our agreed on container growing project.  They can be of any size and content.  Be sure to take before, during and after photos to share.

 We are still unsure of where the planted bed is by or near the fire station.  We discussed at our last meeting about doing some work to update it. Pam Waring and Diane will be looking into this further. Mary Bewley remembers a Rhododendron (?) being planted somewhere there and dedicated to Ila Campbell.

 Lisa reminded us that a submission date of April 1st is coming up for several awards projects.  She will be putting together an Arbor Day 2020 submission for Dogwood. Recycled Art and Landscape Design are 2 others you can do a submission on.  Contact Lisa for more information. llibby@centurytel.com.  She is very willing to give you a hand.

**Hill and Dale District New Business:**

Lisa reminded us of the upcoming District Zoom meeting on March 23rd.  There will be a flower show we can submit photo entries to.  Check the schedule we were sent on March 6th and submit photos to Kathy Johnson kathyj16@msn.com by the 19th. This is so great because we don't have to cut our flowers, put in a vase, etc.  Just take your outside photos according to the floral schedule and submit.

 Lisa says the district is working on having an event in July to take the place of the cancelled workshop.

 Mary is keeping busy with the district design club.

 Kathy Mettler attended the Region Workshop Wednesday and really enjoyed it.  Lots of good information and fun attending these workshops.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Next meeting April 8th at Mineral Lake Lodge in Mineral.

**Presentation:** Chris Bivins and Diane Mettler gave a presentation on Garden Art.  You can do lots of fun and practical to whimsical things to spruce up your garden areas using basic items.  Chris demonstrated reusing a cup, saucer and a spoon as a hanger  to make a small and very attractive bird feeder.  They have enough of the materials to make this garden art project for several members.  It is a first come first serve situation.  So give Diane a call or send an email to see if the items are available.

**Members Attending:**

1. Crystal Dorsey
2. Mary Bewley
3. Leslee Dunlap
4. Katy Hoffman
5. Lisa Libby
6. Diane Mettler
7. Kathy Mettler
8. Rosemary Nordstrom
9. Ginny Phillips
10. Pam Waring
11. Bryn Williams

Minutes recorded by Secretary Ginny Phillips