

Dogwood Garden Club

Minutes – July 3, 2019

Barbara O'Sullivan welcomed the group of 36 members and guests at the beautiful home of Marleen Whelden in Pollock Pines. Members enjoyed a relaxed meet and greet on the shaded deck, surrounded by beautiful pine trees and gardens. Barbara presented Marleen with a basket of gorgeous orchids as a "Thank You" gift from the entire club.

Janel Edmiston led members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in American Sign Language.

Barbara O'Sullivan presented the minutes from the June 2019 meeting. Janet Sullivan moved to approve the minutes. Amy Rath seconded the motion.

Treasurer Report – Denise Simonson reported the current budget balance as \$4,326.53. The Flags and Floats booth at Wagon Train brought in \$141, and the Rummage Sale brought in over \$700 through sales and donations. Thanks to everyone who helped with these fundraising events!

Welcome Guests - The following guests were introduced by members:

Marlene Whelden – Diane Lehr
Lorraine Mumm – Daughter-in-law Buffie Mumm
Maureen Julian – Granddaughter Madyson Richards (Catering Helper)

New Members – Sherri Tindall was welcomed as a new member.

New Business

August Meeting – Norma Ray reported that the August Meeting will celebrate Heritage Days at the Tallac Historic Site in Tahoe. Lunch will follow at the "Burger Lounge" off Highway 89 (picnic tables are available). An e-mail will go out to all members regarding specifics and car pool information.

Sunshine Report – A get-well card was circulated for Jeri Hartmann, who was not feeling well and couldn't attend the meeting.

Birthday Lunch – Janet Sullivan announced that the July Birthday Lunch will be held at the Independent Restaurant in Placerville on July 10th at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to Janet if you'd like to attend. Seating will be outside on the patio, summer menu, with separate checks honored.

Future Meeting Information -

September - A speaker from Sierra Wildlife Rescue will speak about bird rehabilitation. Meeting location to be confirmed by Janel Edmiston.

October – Carol Game is coordinating a meeting at the Apple Bistro Café on the outside patio, with a presentation by a local artist.

November – Potluck meeting at the Pollock Pines Community Church. A poet will entertain the group with a recitation.

December – Marilu Blau is coordinating our Christmas Luncheon at the Cameron Park Country Club on Friday, December 6th. Colors are silver, white and blue, so get your lovely gowns ready!

Rummage Sale – Carol Game reported on the success of the Rummage Sale held on June 15th, and thanked all the members and husbands who volunteered to set up, sell items, and take down everything afterwards. All leftover items were donated to local thrift stores.

Christmas Craft Fair – Norma Ray and Jan Slominski are coordinating the “Holiday Gift Fair in the Pines” to be held at the Pollock Pines-Camino Community Center on November 15th and 16th. Vendor applications are due to them by September 15th. DGC members will be guaranteed a table; other vendors will be reviewed and assigned tables as required.

2019 Contributions – Barbara O’Sullivan led a discussion regarding DGC contributions for 2019. Possibilities are a large contribution to one entity, or smaller contributions to multiple entities. Barbara asked members to send donation suggestions to her for review. DGC members will vote on final donor selections. Janel Edmiston will develop a donation recipient application to screen and document all donation requests.

Raffle – Denise Simonson coordinated raffle sales for a lovely gardening-themed basket, and Marleen Whelden graciously donated tea cups for raffle gifts as well. Both gifts were won by guest Diane Lehr.

Norma Ray moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m. for lunch. Joan Vanderpool seconded the motion.

A fabulous buffet luncheon, including drinks, appetizers, soup, sandwiches, and desserts, was catered after the meeting by our own member Allison Knight, and her assistants Maureen Julian and Madyson Richards. Compliments to the Chef!

After lunch, Marlene gave members a tour of her beautiful grounds and gardens, and provided the names of many of her flowering plants and their growing instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Laam
Secretary/Membership