Dogwood Garden Club

Minutes – September 4, 2019

Barbara O’Sullivan welcomed our group of 34 members and 5 guests at Carol Game’s home. Members enjoyed a lovely meet and greet in Carol’s beautiful back yard. Carol received a large succulent plant as a thank you for her hospitality.

Barbara introduced Judy, Diane and Kristin from the Sierra Wildlife Rescue (SWR) organization. Judy gave an overview of the services SWR provides to orphaned and injured wildlife. Raptor visitors included “Dusty”, a Northern Pygmy Owl; “Lionel”, a Grey Horned Owl; “Whisper”, a California Spotted Owl; and “Herbert”, an American Kestrel sparrow hawk. These previously injured raptors can’t be released into the wild, but make excellent ambassadors to help educate others to respect and care for all wild creatures and their habitats. Several handouts were passed out to members.

Barbara O’Sullivan commenced the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Janel Edmiston led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Barbara O’Sullivan presented the minutes from the August, 2019 meeting. Janet Sullivan moved to approve the minutes. Marilyn Johnson seconded the motion.

*Treasurer Report* – Denise Simonson reported the current budget balance as $4,348.02.

*Welcome Guests -* The following new members and guests were present for the presentation and meeting:

 Jeanne Padgett – New Member

 Lauren Goddard – New Member and received her name badge

 Kelly Cartier – Daughter of Carol Game

 Shannon Blau – Daughter of Marilu Blau

 Bob Game – Husband of Carol Game

 Denis O’Sullivan – Husband of Barbara O’Sullivan

 Tom Sullivan – Husband of Janet Sullivan

 Steve Laam – Husband of Valerie Laam

**On-Going Business**

*Sunshine* Report – Get well cards and calls were requested for Maureen Julian, who is recuperating at home from surgery.

*Birthday Lunch –* Janet Sullivan announced that the September Birthday Lunch will be held Bricks on Main Street in Placerville on September 11th at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to Janet if you’d like to attend. Separate checks will be honored.

**New Business**

*DGC Storage Shed –* Thanks to everyone for pitching in to unload the storage shed. Barbara and Norma Ray took several loads, the boughs are stored at Marilyn Johnson’s, and FOL removed their items and the tea sets. Steve Laam and Bob Game loaded up all the tables in Steve’s truck, and Steve and Valerie took them over to Janet and Tom Sullivan’s garage for temporary storage until another shed can be purchased.

* DGC will research purchasing a new/used shed in the spring, which will still be located next to the Community Center.
* Janel made a motion to have a “Shed Jar” at future meetings to collect donations, rather than take the money from the DGC budget. Teri Munyon seconded the motion.

*Holiday Craft Fair -* Norma Ray and Jan Slominski reported that 20 vendors have already signed up – deadline is 9/15/19; total number of vendors will be known by 10/1. Tables are $30 each.

* Community Center has booked all the rooms for Friday 11/15/19 from 5 – 9 p.m., and Saturday 11/16/19 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Vendors must have enough merchandise to sell on both days.
* DGC will have a table to sell flags, Christmas bells, dog biscuits, and Carol Game has volunteered to organize the bake sale.
* Volunteers are needed at 1 p.m. to help set up the tables and take down afterward. Norma will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

*Painting Raffle* – Tickets to win Karone Owen’s “The Jade Horse” 1992 mixed media painting will be sold for $1.00 each at the next couple of meetings, and will be displayed at the Holiday Craft Fair where tickets will also be available. Winner will be announced at a later date.

*Fire House Fundraiser –* Mary Bourn announced that a “Fire Stomp” dinner dance, sponsored by the Sierra Springs Fire Council, will be held on Friday, 10/4/19 at the Old School House to raise funds to build another restroom and shower for Firehouse 17 in Pollock Pines. The fire station, built in 1948, desperately needs $25,000 to update the facility. Donations are requested in the form of gift cards for the raffle and silent auction and also cash donations. Tickets for the dinner dance are available online at EventBrite.

*New Member Orientation –* Mary Bourn is coordinating a meeting for new members only on Wednesday 10/16/19 at the Old School House in Pollock Pines. More details will follow.

*Member Photo Album -* Barbara O’Sullivan suggested we start a photo album of members, showing names and pictures so it’s easier for current/new members to recognize each other. Please send a picture of your choice to Barbara, or Joyce Newman can take a picture for you.

*Door Prize –* Carol Game graciously donated several door prizes at today’s meeting. Following are the lucky winners:

 Notecards – Julie Miller

 Pollock Pines hot/cold thermos – Denise Simonson

Mary Bourn moved to adjourn the meeting for lunch at 1:09 p.m. Barbara O’Sullivan seconded the motion.

Lunch was provided by Barbara O’Sullivan and Carol Game – Delicious baked Ziti, green salad, French bread, and cake for dessert.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Laam, Secretary