

Dogwood Garden Club Minutes – November 6, 2019

Barbara O'Sullivan welcomed our group of 32 members and guests at the Pollock Pines Community Church. Members visited and set up dishes for a pot luck lunch. Special thanks to Janel Edmiston for the festive table decorations.

Barbara O'Sullivan commenced the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Janel Edmiston led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Barbara O'Sullivan presented the minutes from the October, 2019 meeting. Sylvia Hamblin moved to approve the minutes. Carol Game seconded the motion.

Treasurer Report – Denise Simonson reported the October current budget balance is \$3,910.14. Denise reported she paid the club's insurance, and will give Norma a check for the Holiday Craft Fair.

Welcome Guests –

- Judy Magness introduced new members Carol McLean and Kristina Stanton.
- Barbara O'Sullivan introduced invited guest speaker Wendy Stevens, a local published author of "Just Between Us Girls: Poetry Celebrating Women" and "The Poetry of An Ordinary Life". Wendy recited her delightful poetry during our dessert time.

Voting and Swearing-In of New Board – Mary Bourn led the process to nominate and vote for our 2020 Board Members. Nominations were taken from the floor and a voice vote was held: Vote carried, with all ayes, no nays. Mary introduced Board members, read their duty statements, passed the gavel to the President, and swore them into office effective January 1.

Barbara O'Sullivan	President
Sandra Morgan	Vice President
Denise Simonson	Secretary (Valerie Laam will retain Membership Roster and Badges)
Norma Ray	Treasurer

Outgoing Board Member Gifts – Barbara O'Sullivan gave the outgoing Board lovely plants as thank you gifts. Valerie Laam (on behalf of the club) presented Barbara with a beautiful silver and pearl dogwood brooch as a thank you for her hard work and dedication this past year.

On-Going Business

Sunshine Report – Jeri Hartmann had nothing to report. Sylvia Hamblin gave a very positive update on her son Russell's recent stem cell transplant and stay at the Kiwanis House, and thanked everyone for their continued messages of caring and support.

Birthday Lunch – Janet Sullivan announced that the October Birthday Lunch at Papa Giannis was cancelled due to the power outage. November Birthday Lunch will be held at Papa Giannis on November 13th at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate both October and November birthdays. RSVP to Janet if you'd like to attend. Separate checks will be honored.

Holiday Craft Fair - Norma Ray reported that we have 24 vendors at 31 tables this year. 3 complimentary tables will be for the DGC for Flags and Bake Sale.

- Dates are Friday 11/15/19 from 5 – 9 p.m., and Saturday 11/16/19 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Pollock Pines Camino Community Center (PPCCC).
- Volunteers needed for set up on the 15th, and take down and clean up on the 16th. Norma will send a follow up e-mail.

- Tables need to be picked up from Janet Sullivan's home; Pat Schoggins volunteered her truck.
- Carol Game asked for Bake Sale items to be dropped off from 2 – 4 p.m. Friday, or in the morning on Saturday. She has gift bags to wrap items for sale.
- Sign-up sheets for the Craft Fair and Bake Sale were circulated at the meeting.

Painting Raffle – Norma Ray sold raffle tickets for Karone Owen's "The Jade Horse" 1992 mixed media painting at the meeting. Tickets are \$1.00 each; the painting will be displayed at the Holiday Craft Fair where tickets will also be available. Winner will be announced at a later date.

Member Photo Book – Laura Llamas took pictures of members for the developing photo book. If you have a picture of yourself you like, send to Barbara O'Sullivan.

Christmas Boughs - Pat Schoggins reported that Christmas Boughs will be made and distributed on December 3rd at 10:00 a.m. at the PPCCC in the Bar Room. Pat will send out an e-mail reminder to all who volunteered for this fun activity.

FOL Library Cleanup – Pat Schoggins reported on Library clean-up: December – Norma Ray and Pat Schoggins, January – Sandra Morgan and Jeannie Padgett, February – Janel Edmiston and Marilyn Johnson. Also, books are needed for the Library (preferably fiction); please take directly to the Library.

Boys and Girls Christmas Store – Maureen Julian circulated a sign-up sheet for Granny Elf volunteers to help at the Christmas Store at Sierra Ridge Middle School.

- Volunteers needed for set up on December 9th from 12 -3, work from 3 – 5:30 p.m.; December 10th from 3 – 5:30 p.m. Volunteers help students select/wrap gifts for members of their family.
- Volunteers needed to bake/bring 3 dozen cookies for kids (NO NUTS) to Maureen on Sunday, or drop them by the school on Monday before the event. Please coordinate with Maureen.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner – Maureen reminded members that the PPCCC will have a free community dinner on Thanksgiving from 1 – 4 p.m. Donations are appreciated for frozen turkeys, canned yams and/or cranberry sauce.

Holiday Luncheon – Maureen Julian reminded members that the Winter Wonderland Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 6th from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Cameron Park Golf Club. Please send your payment of \$35.00 per person to Maureen soon.

2020 Planning – Barbara O'Sullivan announced that we are bringing back Committees for Programs/Meetings; Mary Bourne and Marilu Blau will co-chair the Membership Committee. Need to encourage new members to join in planned activities and events. Suggestion made to picnic at Jenkinson Lake (Sly Park) for a meeting next year.

DGC Storage Shed – Barbara O'Sullivan reported that the club will buy the large, well made wooden storage shed currently at the PPCCC for \$300 from this year's budget.

Donation Meeting – Barbara O'Sullivan met with Board Members Denise Simonson, Janel Edmiston, and Valerie Laam after the regular meeting to review donation input to date. Final donation decisions will be made after the Holiday Craft Fair income is received.

Mary Bourn moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 p.m., Barbara O'Sullivan seconded the motion. A delicious pot luck lunch followed. Special thanks to all members who brought so many donations to the church food pantry.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Laam, Secretary