

Evening Garden Club Member Meeting

October 5, 2020, 7 p.m. Conducted via Zoom

27 people attended

Speaker

Jenifer Klammer presented *Gardens and Scenes of Japan*, sharing wonderful photographs of her November 2019 trip to Japan. Her presentation showed a variety of gardens designed around specific styles including Dry, Courtyard, Strolling, Tea, Container, and Chrysanthemum. Her impressive photographs provided many reasons to visit Japan.

Business Meeting

The minutes from the March 2, 2020 member's meeting and the March 2, 2020 nomination meeting were approved.

New officers were inducted: KJ Lee for Co-President, and Harriet Plumley for Co-Treasurer. An online vote was taken to approve Janet Magedanz for the position of Co-Secretary. 21 people voted to accept Janet, and 2 people abstained.

Earl presented the treasurer's reports for August and September. The club began August with a checking balance \$1794.58 and ended with \$1180.13 with major expenditures of bulb purchases for the fall bulb fundraiser, Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs (OSFGC) dues for 2020, and Oregon Department of Justice fee to maintain nonprofit status.

The month of September began with \$1180.13 and ended with a balance of \$753.23. Major expenses include Oregon Department of Agriculture license, Zoom Communication license, and OSFGC Santiam District dues.

Dan presented the Annual Operating Budget for 2020-2021 with a total anticipated income of \$7500 and anticipated expenses of \$7250, resulting in a balance of \$250. The membership voted unanimously to approve the budget as presented.

KJ Lee presented an idea to increase participation, stimulate interest in the club, and have fun doing so - the "Zoompkin". He proposed that the club host a pumpkin carving contest via Zoom. There would be a minimal entrance fee with different age categories. Club members would judge the entries and award prizes for each category. There was discussion among participants with concern raised that members are currently involved with the fall bulb sale and that the time frame to publicize a contest was too short to do a good job this year. Other suggestions expanding the Zoompkin idea include using pumpkins or gourds grown by the entrants, use pumpkins as a base for flower arrangements, or have the club distribute pumpkin seeds or starts in the spring with the pumpkins be used for entries in the fall. KJ will revise this idea to include these suggestions and bring up the proposal next year.

There were three new members to the club.

Kathleen updated information about the bulb sale. There have been 59 customers to date with more than half of the items sold, and 12 items completely sold out so far. Since there are items left and there is only one more day left for orders, it was decided to extend the sale rather than discount items at this time. The sale will continue through October 15 and Kathleen will send out information online about what bulbs are still available. Arrival of some of the bulbs was delayed so delivery dates will be changed to Oct 19, 20, 21.

The club bylaws need to be updated. A three-member committee consisting of Nancy Sarpola, Marge Alig, and Jennifer Klammer will form a by-laws committee to work on these changes.

Linda Hadfield won the raffle prize of saffron crocus bulbs.

Action Items:

Dan will check club files regarding the status and source of club liability insurance, and communicate what he finds with KJ. Dan will tell the members of the by-laws committee what needs to be changed.

KJ will revise a Zoompkin project to be implemented next year.

Submitted by Jackie Calvert, Co-Secretary