

Minutes of the February 28, 2022 board meeting of the Corvallis Evening Garden Club (EGC)

The meeting convened via Zoom at 10am with Janet Magedanz presiding. Also attending were Harriet Plumley, Nancy Mandel, Hanne Niederhausen, Heinrich Niederhausen, and Heather Emberson as voting members and Ruby Moon as program chair.

Approval of minutes. The Jan 31, 2022 board minutes were approved.

Member Survey Results: Heather is working to convey results to members. She has broken them into several one-page summaries and given them to the newsletter editor for publication.

Bylaws Committee: Nancy reported that the committee has had one meeting. Many of the details that are in the existing By-laws have been moved to Policies and Procedures and some contradictions in the By-laws have been remedied. The committee and Janet will meet on March 16 to finish up.

Trumpetvine: Janet contacted non-members who are in the trumpetvine Google group. Five responded. She will soon delete the non-respondents. Otherwise trumpetvine will remain the same and we will not start a new Google group.

Quilts in the Garden: Harriet wrote an article about QITG that was in the last newsletter in which she explained the need for volunteers. Several people have volunteered. She will put out a call for volunteers on trumpetvine when we are closer to the event.

Library Book Purchase: EGC is donating a copy of Volume 2 of Oregon Flora to the Corvallis/Benton County Library in memory of Lorraine Garrison, a longtime member and former president. The library has a procedure to accept donated books and will put a memorial sticker inside. The club needs to set criteria for making book donations in honor of deceased members.

Community Project: The Benton County Master Gardeners ended their care of a garden in Corvallis Central Park. Ruby Moon wishes EGC to collaborate with other organizations to take on this project. Ruby will ask for volunteers on trumpetvine.

In-person get-togethers: Ruby reported that several people have complained about the lack of in-person events. One of the EGC goals is to enable garden comradery and Zoom doesn't fulfil this. Since the mask mandate ends on March 19, the April regular meeting could be a hybrid. However, the speaker will be on Zoom.

Tomato Meeting: Marie Flamme suggested a meeting in a member's yard in August where participants bring tomatoes, and they are shared and compared. The board agreed this sounded like fun and would be another in-person event.

Gardening Book Meeting: A meeting where members discuss their favorite gardening books could be a special meeting held in-person. Janet will call Susan's Garden and Coffee Shop about allowing us to meet there. A church is another possibility.

Other possible in-person events: Nancy suggested having an officer installation potluck in July. Janet welcomes other suggestions for in-person events.

Program Chair(s): Ruby was training two other members to be Program Chair(s) but one person has left. She would like a replacement.

Grants Committee: The board approved the grants committee having \$3000 to disburse. The committee has met and made a schedule for receiving, reviewing, and selecting applications. The goal is to notify applicants by April 22.

Book Sale Fundraiser: The library had a book sale fundraiser the weekend of Feb 25-27. On the last day a member of the club was allowed to pick up gardening books at no charge for the club to sell. In the past Kathleen Rochester has sold these off her porch.

Membership: Heather reported that several members have not paid this year's dues despite being reminded. She wants to delete them from the club's roll, so we have a clean membership list. This also affects the number of members needed for a quorum. She suggested putting into Policies and Procedures that non-dues-paying members would be dropped in March. Janet said she would like a list of the members who are not renewing. There are two members who have not given us email addresses.

Life members: The club needs to make criteria for life members. The by-laws committee can work on this.

Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs: EGC is a member of the Santiam District of the OFGC along with five other clubs. Janet attended a club presidents meeting of the OFGC and will attend a district luncheon. She says the organization has a wonderful website and is very active including sponsoring a photography contest. In the past EGC has paid dues to both the OFGC and the district but not the district this year. Star Heilman is the co-director of Santiam District.

March Board Meeting: The March Board meeting will be in-person at Janet's home.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.
Submitted by Nancy Mandel, secretary