

## **Minutes of the January 10, 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, and Heinrich Niederhausen as voting members and Heather Emberson as membership chair.

Proposed annual budget: The budget submitted by Harriet was approved and is in a separate email from her.

Approval of minutes. The October board minutes were approved. The January general meeting minutes will be submitted for approval at the February general meeting.

Treasurer's report: The December treasurer's report was approved and is in a separate email from Harriet.

Additional Liability Insurance: Harriet investigated this and reported that between the insurance we presently have through National Garden Clubs and individual members' car and home insurance we have no need for additional insurance. It would also probably be costly. We decided to not purchase additional insurance.

Grants and scholarship fund: Ruby Moon had expressed a concern that money raised specifically for grants and scholarships was being bundled with the club's general funds. Janet reported that she had a meeting with Ruby about this and the issue will be further examined by a committee.

Equipment for hybrid meetings (in-person and on Zoom): Since the next hybrid meeting will happen in October at the earliest, this issue is postponed until next fiscal year.

Quilts in the Garden: The EGC is partnering with the Mary's River Quilt Guild in this biennial event normally put on by MRQG. EGC will receive 25% of the net proceeds while MRQG will receive 75%. There will be four gardens on the tour, Janet's and three others in her neighborhood. It will be held on June 18, unless rain is forecast in which case it will be June 25. Harriet attended a QITG meeting and emailed the board members a document outlining the event obligations of EGC, the biggest of which is providing eight volunteers to act as hosts in the gardens.

The board agreed to this. EGC is also expected to help with advertising, ticket sales, signage, and event details.

Quorum Issue: Since our bylaws do not specify the number needed to achieve a quorum, the default number according to Robert's Rules of Order, is a majority, a difficult number for our club to achieve. The Bylaws Committee needs to address this issue.

Increasing the size of the board: Our by-laws allow for up to three members-at-large as voting members of the board. Presently we have none. Since Heather has been attending board meetings and is willing to be a member-at-large we will have an interim election at the February general meeting to make her a member-at-large.

Fund raising committee plans: Janet is a member of the fund-raising committee and reported on its activities. The fall bulb sale generated less money than expected because of late shipments from the supplier, some so late that part of the order was canceled. Since the shipments were late, the catalog and sale were later than ideal for a fall bulb sale. The spring bulb sale is in planning. We will offer fewer dahlias than last year since dahlias sold poorly. We will probably sell a few plants along with bulbs. Another fund-raising possibility is to sell seeds from Botanical Interests Seed Company since they give clubs 35% of receipts. A third fund-raising idea is to have an event similar to the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon's Plant Nerd Night where local nurseries extol the virtues of their latest offerings and sell to members.

February General Meeting: The meeting will be held on February 7 as a Zoom only meeting. Ruby and Janet are looking for a speaker.

Bylaws Committee: The club's bylaws need further updating and the club needs a Policies and Procedures document. Marge Alig, last year's Bylaws chair and Nancy Mandel are willing to serve on this committee. Janet will contact Marge about other possible members.

Nominations Committee: All the present members of the board are willing to stay on for another year. Kathleen Rochester was the committee chair last year. Janet will contact her about this year's committee.

Printed Directory: Somebody has volunteered to put this together, but we don't know who. Janet will send a message on trumpetvine asking who volunteered and

to find out the degree of interest in having a printed directory instead of relying on the online directory.

Grants Committee: Janet will contact Svetlana Dascaluc, last year's chair about this year's Grants Committee.

EGC Survey: The board would like the membership to have a summary of the results published in the newsletter but because of the survey's structure it is difficult to summarize. Heather will work with Val Hall on this.

Meeting times: Some of us are getting older and not comfortable driving at night anymore, especially during the winter. Janet suggested an earlier meeting time, but Heather pointed out that we still have some members who work. It was suggested that our winter meetings have a Zoom option so that members can avoid night driving if they wish.

Trumpetvine: Some trumpetvine participants are non-members and are thus receiving this benefit without payment. Janet posed the question should trumpetvine be for members only? If it were for members only then non-members would not know about general meetings, which they typically can attend for a price. Should we have two email groups, a general gardening one for members only and another for meeting announcements and other information we want a broader group to know? Janet will bring trumpetvine up for discussion at the February general meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Submitted by Nancy Mandel, secretary