

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

The meeting convened at 10am at the home of Janet Magedanz. Also attending were Harriet Plumley, Nancy Mandel, Hanne Niederhausen, Heinrich Niederhausen, and Heather Emberson as voting members. This was the annual board meeting attended by both outgoing and incoming board members. The incoming board members in attendance were Becca Smith (co-secretary), Karen Hopson, Anne Schroeder, and Gayle Parrish (members-at-large).

Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Prior to the meeting the April and May board minutes and the May treasurer's report were distributed by email. There being no corrections Janet declared the minutes approved. The treasurer's report is not subject to approval.

Quilts in the Garden: QITG was a huge success. The event grossed \$4816. EGC's received 25% of the profits which was \$1122. EGC might co-host this event with the Mary's River Quilt Guild again if asked, however the next QITG will be at least two years from now, so no decision is necessary at the present time.

Book Sale: Debbe Cornitius picked up 31 books at no cost at the library book sale. The club can sell these books to raise funds. Kathleen Rochester oversees this project and presently has the books. Gayle suggested that members could add their excess gardening books to the sale.

EGC website: The website committee consists of Janet, Melissa Cowan and Gayle. Bekki Levien who created the original website, has been retained to implement any changes and to maintain the website. All website communication should go to her instead of Gabe and Michelle. The membership submission and contact links were not working but have been fixed. To further improve the EGC website it was suggested to add links to other gardening websites and to update the page listing reasons to join EGC to better reflect the club's activities and the current members' reasons for joining.

Plant Sale Supplies: The club owns two canopies and 1000s of plant labels for use in the spring plant sale. As we have no plans to have a plant sale in the future, we considered selling these supplies to organizations who need them. Several local groups have spring plant sales. It was decided the supplies will be retained in the event EGC does offer a plant sale in the future, which is a possibility with new, younger members joining the club.

Fundraising Committee: Heather chairs this committee. In the past, the plant sale and the bulb sales have been the club's primary non-dues fund raisers. These have been discontinued and alternative ways of raising funds are being investigated. As the club has sufficient funds, Janet said we should have a one-year hiatus from fundraising. There were no objections.

Garden Tour: Janet spoke with Lois Moss of the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon about EGC sponsoring a garden tour in the state of Washington. This would be a multi-day tour, similar to the tours sponsored by the HPSO. The cost would be around \$3000 and would include lodging, transportation, many meals, entrance fees, tour guide, etc. Discussion was favorable to the idea.

Club Picnic: Heather is making arrangements for the picnic. She has reserved the Townsend Shelter at Avery Park from 6pm to 10 pm on Monday, Sept 12. This will be a salad potluck with the club providing a dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. Members will bring salads. Board members were not favorable to providing paper plates and plastic utensils. Alternatives were discussed. Participants could bring their own place settings, or we could borrow place settings from Green Girl. There is no cost to this, but we would need to pick them up from her and wash them before returning them.

Ice Cream Social: Janet is planning this event and it will be in her backyard sometime in the middle of July. Becca, Hanne, Anne, Karen, and Sue Carozza are also on the committee working on this.

Tomato Tasting: Nancy is planning this event and it will be at her home on Monday, August 15. Pat Werner and Marie Flamme are helping. Participants would either bring tomatoes (garden grown or purchased) or would pay \$5 and the committee would purchase tomatoes for tasting. The possibility of a Green Tomato Summer was discussed.

Policies and Procedures Document: The board passed a motion to approve the P&P. It will be sent to Bekki for inclusion on the website.

Open Streets Corvallis: The city is sponsoring an Open Streets Event. Two miles of streets will be blocked off on the afternoon of August 14 and various activities will take place along the route. Kathleen Rochester suggested the club have a presence at the event. The board decided that if Kathleen wanted to organize this, she could but otherwise the board would not pursue this.

Membership: Heather reported that we have 133 members and that a new membership chair needs to be appointed soon as she will become the president-elect on July 1.

July Board meeting: If it is necessary to have a board meeting in July it will be short and a Zoom meeting. The normal date would be July 25.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.
Submitted by Nancy Mandel, secretary