

## **Minutes of the March 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.

Approval of minutes. The Feb 28, 2022 board minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The February treasurer's report was approved.

Bylaws Committee: The proposed revision of the EGC bylaws and the Policies and Procedures document are ready to be distributed to the members for review. The bylaws will be voted on at the May regular meeting and the P&P at the May board meeting. According to the present bylaws the bylaws must be distributed two weeks prior to voting on a revision. Nancy asked that they be distributed a bit earlier so that there is time to make corrections and re-distribute in case a member finds an error. Heather and Harriet read the documents and will email Nancy and Janet with their comments.

Library Book Donation: Flora Volume 2 has been purchased and will be donated to the Corvallis/Benton County Library in memory of Loraine Garrison. Janet is trying to contact the appropriate person at the library but so far has been unsuccessful.

Central Park Garden 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 and asked via trumpetvine for volunteers. Janet asked Kathy Tucker who oversaw the project for the BCMGA, why it ended its involvement. She said the OSU extension ended it because of the danger involved in cleaning the area. Kathy has found needles, human feces, and even a gun while cleaning the area prior to other volunteers arriving. The board was concerned about this being considered an official EGC activity and possibly being found liable if there was an accident. Perhaps we can add a line on trumpetvine saying views expressed on trumpetvine by members are not the official view of EGC.

Garden books coffee: Janet met with four other EGC members at Susan's and had a great time. The last meeting is Tuesday morning, March 29.

New members on committees: Janet would like to get new members involved in the club and suggested that we enlarge our committees and recruit new members to serve on them. She will send out recruiting announcements to new members first as vacancies arise with the hope that they will respond. In particular, the Flower Therapy committee is becoming active again with Donna Westwood chairing. This committee receives flowers from stores and hosts flower arranging at senior facilities.

April and May regular meetings: The April meeting will be a Zoom only meeting. The May meeting is always a plant exchange and last year was held on a Saturday afternoon in the church parking lot. The lack of chairs was a problem. Janet would like the meeting to be a party with the EGC providing snacks. A Party Committee could be made to facilitate this. There was discussion about when to have the meeting and whether it should be inside or outside the church. No decision was made. The BCMGA plant sale is Saturday, May 7 so that day is not available. Janet will discuss with Jennifer K about church availability.

Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs: EGC is a member of the OFGC and the Santiam District of the OFGC. Janet attended a Zoom meeting of OFGC but does not plan to attend in the future as past EGC presidents have not attended. EGC is the giant in the organization with 144 members while the other clubs have five to ten. In the past EGC has paid dues to both the OFGC and the district but the district did not collect dues this year. We will pay both in the future. Two EGC members are active in this organization and Star Heilman is the co-director of Santiam District. Janet will let our members know of the opportunity to be active in OFGC and the Santiam District.

EGC website plans: A committee was formed to suggest improvements to our website. Gabe and Michelle are the EGC webmasters, but they are very busy and don't have time to undertake any improvements. Bekki Levien created the original website and will be retained to implement future changes. Information about the Quilts in the Garden event needs to be put on the website.

Lifetime members: Keeping a clean member data base is important since it affects how many attendees are needed for a quorum. EGC has five life members, none of whom are currently active. Heather tracked them down and found two no longer live in the area and can be deleted. The remaining three are Louise Copes, Linda Rettig, and Gloria Wood, and they will be retained as life members. Heather thinks they might have become life members through the OFGC however EGC can make

its own life members separate from the OFGC if it wishes. Louise would like a copy of the August article in the newspaper about the EGC and the soiree.

Garden Angels: In the past the club has had a Garden Angels program where members provide gardening help to fellow members who have difficulty maintaining their yard. We might consider restarting this program.

Nominations: Nominations are coming along well. The present bylaws say that the election is held in April but that may not be possible. It will probably be at the May meeting instead or online.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.  
Submitted by Nancy Mandel, secretary