

CORVALLIS EVENING GARDEN CLUB  
May 2022 Board Meeting Minutes  
May 23, 2022

The EGC Board of Directors (BOD) met at the home of Hanne and Heinrich Niederhausen and enjoyed a brief stroll through the garden before commencing. Meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President Janet Magedanz. Also attending were Harriet Plumley, Hanne Niederhausen, Heinrich Niederhausen, and Heather Emberson as voting members.

1. April 25 2022 minutes – the final draft of the minutes have not yet been distributed. This agenda item tabled for next month.
2. April 2022 treasurer’s report – the report was approved.  
Discussion: A small number of EGC members have yet to pick up and pay for the bulbs they ordered; additionally some ordered items have only recently been delivered by the wholesalers. Janet has personally delivered some of these bulbs/plants. Consequently, the April treasurer’s report does not have final numbers for this fund raiser.  
As of this date, the grants have been paid and the treasurers anticipate the fees due to the Federation of Garden Clubs and Santiam District in September. The latter has announced plans to raise fees by \$2.00 in the coming year. This will necessitate an increase in EGC dues.
3. Insurance Policy – The Federation of Garden Clubs purchases an insurance policy which covers the activities of garden club members, including the EGC. Janet has read the entire policy and we are covered for the Quilts in the Garden event scheduled for June 18, 2022.  
Janet indicated her intent to review the insurance policy more thoroughly and propose some changes to the policy as a cost savings for the FGC’s and member clubs.
4. Coffee/Garden books picked up at the Library book sale update – Anticipated as a small fund-raising activity, the books will be returned to Kathleen Rochester for processing.  
Action Item: Janet will return the books to Kathleen.
5. EGC Website – Melissa Cowan, Gayle Parrish and Bekki Levien have completed their review of the website and Bekki has begun making corrections and facilitating movement of information in an efficient manner. As members use the website, more corrections become apparent. An example is the online Membership Directory which needs to be updated.  
Action Item: Janet will convey information to Bekki for web correction
6. Old EGC plant sale supplies update – two large canopies (tents) and thousands of plastic plant labels were discussed. Initially the BOD thought to sell these items (\$200.00 for the labels, alone), but upon consideration of future fund raisers, this has been put on the back burner. Despite this, Pat Gallagher would like the canopies removed from her garage.  
Action Item: EGC must solicit storage space for the canopies.
7. Idea for a possible garden tour – Janet polled the BOD about the concept of EGC offering an out-of-state garden tour next year. Via a contact, she believes the club could propose this activity at cost to the members and some additional fee for non-members. This would NOT be a fund-raiser, although a small “administrative fee” will be included in the overall fee.  
Decision: BOD supported this concept. Janet will gather more information and survey members to assess interest.

8. Future money-making ideas – the BOD discussed the time and labor necessary to conduct the bulb sale and the interest by club members of new varieties. Also discussed the growing competition for early spring plant sales; mentioned EGC, FOBG, and BCMG and the list provided by the Hardy plant Society. Janet would like very much to encourage new members and inactive current members to participate more fully in the operations of the club. She suggested creation of an ad hoc committee to investigate money-raising ideas that would include new and veteran members.  
Action Item: Heather agreed to serve as the chair of this new committee as part of her role as Pres-Elect and will solicit participants.
9. Other - BOD members added the following:
  - a. Quilts in the Garden – Harriett acknowledged the 10 EGC members who have volunteered to support this activity. Hanne presented a QITG advertisement in Outdoor Living and discussed marketing. Currently, ticket sales at fabric stores and nurseries are not strong.  
Action Item: Harriett will craft a message for the TRUMPETVINE and ask members to forward to their friends and/or to post to their personal FaceBook accounts to increase visibility. The EGC receives some portion of the \$10.00 ticket cost.
  - b. End of Year budget reconciliation – Harriett indicated this must be completed once the fiscal year ends. Per the Bylaws, in June of each year the President must appoint a Financial Review Chair who, along with the treasurers, will review the finances; the Financial Review committee will prepare a report by October.  
Action Item: Janet will identify a chair for the review in June.
  - c. Next BOD Meeting – Discussed that general membership meetings do not occur during the gardening season; but the BOD will meet as necessary to keep the club in good shape. At present, the BOD intends to meet on Tuesday, June 28 at 10:00 a.m. at Janet’s house to transfer responsibilities from those members leaving the board to the new members joining the board.  
Action Item: Janet will poll the current and future BOD for date and time.
  - d. Summer Soiree – Discussed having a summer social with the club members. Agreed holding an event at one of Benton County’s or the cities lovely parks would be carefree.  
Action Item: Heather agreed to identify possible locations and costs to reserve.
  - e. Fall Item – A note that in the fall the President ought to send a reminder through TRUMPETVINE that use of this email group is limited to garden-related subjects.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Submitted by Heather Emberson