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

The meeting convened at 10:15 am at the Imagine Coffee House with Janet Magedanz presiding. Also attending were Hanne Niederhausen, Heinrich Niederhausen, Heather Emberson, Karen Hopson, Harriet Plumley, Gayle Parrish, Anne Schroeder, Melissa Cowan, Nancy Sarpola, and Nancy Mandel.

Minutes: Prior to the meeting, the corrected Oct board minutes were distributed by email. The minutes were approved by a motion.

Treasurer’s Report: The club has more than $11,000. Dues are coming in.

Downtown Garden Project: Melissa has been concerned about the deterioration of the city’s gardens in downtown Corvallis. She has spoken to various people in the city about this and to Tom Cook who as a volunteer maintains some of the city’s gardens in that area. She proposed that the club take on some garden maintenance starting with the plantings at Second St and Madison. The city provides irrigation and mulch. The club would provide plants and labor. The club declined to sponsor garden maintenance in Central Park because some of the garbage is dangerous (needles, human feces, etc.), however this is not a problem in the garden areas along First and Second Streets. The board voted to sponsor this project with a start date in January. Janet will mention this in the next newsletter and Melissa will write a piece about the project for the end of December newsletter. Some funding will be needed. Perhaps adjacent shop owners will contribute. Board members would like a better name than Downtown Garden Project.

EGC website: Heather reported that the website is still not working properly for new member signups. Instead, the club may use only mail for new members. Gayle will be an additional website monitor, specializing in the technical aspects of the website.

Dues: So far 78 members have paid their 2023dues and with our three life members the club presently has 81 paid members for 2023. Adrienne Guy, our membership chair, will send out a dues reminder. People not renewing their memberships will be dropped during the winter quarter. Nancy M asked if the dues pay for all the club’s costs except for grants and scholarships and was assured that they do.

December Regular Meeting: The December meeting is always a greens party. This year it will be a week late, December 12 instead of December 5, to make use of greens provided by the Benton County Master Gardeners.

January Regular Meeting: The meeting will be Zoom only and feature a presentation by Doug Tallamy. Non-members are being charged $5 and so far, 12 non-members have paid to attend. Janet will send the Zoom link to all members and those non-members who have paid in advance.

Garden Tour: The Washington Garden Tour is full. Fourteen people have signed up and there are three people on a waiting list. Lois Moss, our tour coordinator offered to provide an extra vehicle to carry our luggage.

**Nominating Committee: Kathleen Rochester, Nancy Haldeman, and Betsy Gordon are on the committee. They need to find nominees for every board position except president. Normally there are at least three holdovers from the previous board: the president elect becomes president, and one co-secretary and one co-treasurer serve their second year. However, because of special circumstances this has not happened. Other holdovers are possible with membership approval. We discovered an ambiguity in the bylaws that should be addressed regarding the terms of the co-secretaries and co-treasurers.**

**Policies and Procedures update: Two appointed positions were added, website monitor and corresponding secretary.**

**Santiam District: The EGC is a member of the Santiam District of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs. The district presently has sufficient funds and is not charging its member clubs any dues.**

**December Board Meeting: The board meeting is normally held on the last Monday of the month, which is Dec 26. The board decided that if a board meeting was needed it would be a Zoom meeting and probably not on Dec 26.**

**The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.**

**Submitted by Nancy Mandel, co-secretary**