**Minutes of the Oct 31, 2022 board meeting of the Evening Garden Club (EGC)**

The meeting convened at 10am at the Imagine Coffee House with Janet Magedanz presiding. Also attending were Hanne Niederhausen, Heinrich Niederhausen, Heather Emberson, Karen Hopson, Harriet Plumley, Gayle Parrish, Adrienne Guy, and Nancy Mandel.

Minutes: Prior to the meeting, the Sept board minutes were distributed by email. There being no corrections Janet declared the minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report: The club has slightly less than $11,000. Dues will be coming in soon.

Book Sale: Heather has the books obtained by the club last February at the library book sale and will bring the books to the Nov Meeting for continued sale.

Floral Therapy: Donna Westwood chairs this activity and several new members have volunteered to help. It will take place at Stoneybrook and begin in January.

EGC website: Heather reported that the website is still not working properly for new member signups. Ruby Moon and Svetlana Dascaluic are the new website monitors.

Santiam District Meeting: The EGC is in the Santiam District of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs. The primary benefit to being a member of the OSFGC is insurance. Santiam District meets twice a year (Spring and Fall).  Heather attended the Fall Meeting 10/20/22.  Only a dozen people attended, and information was shared.

Membership Chair: Adrienne is the new membership chair. The board passed a motion making her chair.

Membership: Heather reported that we now have 154 members. Janet said she expected some of our many new members to not renew and that we needed to continue membership recruitment. Various ways of doing this were discussed. Adrienne can add members to her committee to address membership recruitment.

Budget and Dues: Our fiscal year starts July 1. Janet, Hanne, and Heinrich are working on a budget for this fiscal year. The dues we pay to the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs will increase from $3 to $5 per member in July 2023. It was decided that the club will absorb the cost of the increase for the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year, but may need to increase dues next year.

Fundraising Committee: Heather is the committee chair and now has several other members on the committee. We are not doing fundraising this year since we have sufficient funds to pay for all our anticipated costs. However, in the future, the grants and scholarship program should be self-supporting through fundraising. One problem with recent fundraising is that club members provided most of the funds with little money coming from the public. One possible way to raise funds from the public would be a garden tour.

Garden Book Group: Nancy reported that 19 people have signed up to be in the group and that the $64 Tomato will be the first book. She was wondering where the group could meet, and Hanne suggested using the Imagine Coffee House. The first meeting will be in January and will be an afternoon meeting.

November General Meeting: The November meeting is always a plant exchange. Janet will ask for a volunteer to be co-secretary with Nancy M.

Garden Tour: Janet received from Lois Moss a detailed itinerary for the garden tour of Western Washington. This will be a five-day/four-night tour from July 12 to July 16. The cost will be $1,857 for a shared room and $2,457 for a solo room. It will include lodging, transportation, entrance fees, a tour guide, and some meals. Breakfasts will not be included. Janet will announce this in the newsletter.

January Meeting: The meeting will be Zoom only and feature a presentation by Doug Tallamy. Tallamy’s fee is $500, which is more than our typical payment of $350, but we anticipate great interest in this presentation from both members and non-members. Non-members will be charged $5. Janet will send the Zoom link to all members and those non-members who have paid in advance.

**The meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.**

**Submitted by Nancy Mandel, secretary**