

Minutes of the Oct 30, 2023 board meeting of the Evening Garden Club (EGC)

The meeting convened at 4 pm at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church with Heather Emberson presiding. Other board members attending were Hanne and Heinrich Niederhausen, Karen Hopson, Gayle Parrish, Judi DeBord, Nancy Haldeman, Janet Klingler, Patrick Emblidge, and Nancy Mandel. There were no non-board members present.

Minutes: A motion passed to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: A motion passed to accept the September treasurer's report. The club had a total of \$9,252.67 as of September 30.

Committee Reports:

- A. Fund raising: Cory Koos is now chair.
- B. Grants
 - 1. Ashbrook School sent us a nice letter with photos explaining how their EGC grant money was spent.
 - 2. We will follow the same schedule as last year for distributing grants.
- C. Membership- Fifty members have paid their 2024 dues. We now have 188 members.

Project Reports: Nancy M said the Tomato Tasting event was a success with about 25 people attending.

Old Business:

- A. The annual business meeting went well.
- B. Portland 2-day tour – We will consider having a two-day garden tour of private gardens in Portland. Lois Moss arranged the Washington State tour for us, and she knows many people in Portland with beautiful home gardens. Heather will investigate this. This could be a fundraiser.
- C. Accommodation – Members have indicated the need to have a microphone and speakers to better hear presentations. Sandy and Michael Sande Reitmeier-Coolen will research this. A motion passed to spend up to \$75 for such equipment.
- D. Zoom Costs – Our present Zoom license is only good for up to 100 attendees. For \$50 more we can upgrade to a license that accommodates up to 300 attendees. A motion passed approving a Zoom license upgrade.

E. FaceBook Page (HNP) – The committee has not met yet. Gayle is working on this.

New Business:

- A. Greens Party volunteers – A few members have volunteered to bring treats, but nobody has volunteered to add content. Heather will ask for volunteers in her president's letter in the newsletter.
- B. Workshop ideas and volunteers – Heather will ask the membership and specifically Ruby Moon for ideas.
- C. A member needs help getting to our regular meetings.
- D. Directory on website – This will be updated annually.

November Regular Meeting: Janet Magedanz will make a presentation. Set up will be at 6:30. The church will loan us a podium.

November Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be at 4pm Monday, November 27.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05.

Submitted by Nancy Mandel, co-secretary