

The meeting convened at the Imagine Coffee House at 10:00 a.m. with Janet Magedanz presiding. Also present were Hanne Niederhausen, Harriet Plumley, Karen Hopson, Nancy Mandel (by phone), and Heather Emberson.

- 1. Minutes: Minutes of the March 1, 2023 board meeting were approved.
- 2. Treasurer’s Report: The report was accepted.
- 3. Name Tag Coordinator: Catherine Whiting, current Name Tag Coordinator, reported three individuals have approached her to assist with this responsibility. Catherine hopes to transition off of this duty in the near future. The Board appreciates her 2+ years of service.
- 4. Homegrown National Parks (HNP) Project: Robin Strauss, a new member of EGC, has emerged as the chair of this project. The HNP is not yet under the umbrella of EGC but is currently using Trumpetvine as they organize. The Board encourages the group to prepare and present a vision of the HNP project by next month.

Action: Janet to provide this feedback to Robin.

- 5. Neighborhood Planter Kiosk (NPK) Posts: Nancy Sarpola has asked for ideas for EGC’s contribution to this effort. NPK are supported by the Benton County Master Gardeners, the Corvallis Evening Garden Club, the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, and the City of Corvallis Civic Beautification & Urban Forestry Group, each of whom take turns posting information.

Action: Karen volunteered to work with Nancy.

- 6. Board Officers and Members at Large: The full slate of board members will be presented to the EGC membership at the April 3 Regular Members Meeting. The slate includes:

President	Heather Emberson	Co-Sec’y	Judith DeBorg
Pres-Elect	Nancy Haldeman	Member at Lrg	Karen Hopson
Treasurer	Hanne & Heinrich Niederhausen	Member at Lrg	Gayle Parish
Co-Treas.	Paul Westerberg	Member at Lrg	Patrick Emblidge
Secretary	Nancy Mandel		

Action: Janet will send information about the slate and the vote to members via Trumpetvine today. Also Val Hall will include information in the forthcoming Newsletter.

- 7. Grants Committee: The committee, chaired by Svetlana Dascaliuc, provided their summary and recommendations to the Board. There were 7 applications with funding requests within the total budgeted amount of \$2,500.00:

Corv. Neigh. Hsg. – compost & tools	\$500	Philomath Comm Srv – Lupe’s Garden	\$435
B. Coleman Elem Sch – landscaping	\$490	Philomath Elem Sch – planter install	\$250
Philomath Middle Sch – garden class	\$150	Phil. Montessori – blueberry plants	\$150
Ashbrook Sch – summer garden class	\$500		

The committee’s recommendation was accepted by the Board.

Action: The Committee will present the recommendation to the members at the April 3 Regular Members Meeting.

- 8. Membership Committee: Chair, Adrienne Guy, submitted the following information prior to the meeting:

Number of New Members by January 1, 2023:	23 (counting each individual)
Number of Members who did not renew:	Not Sure.

Total number Members by January 1, 2023:	154 counting each individual -- so if
household I counted both people,	
Number of household members:	19 are households
Number of "life" members:	3 Life Members
Number who have joined since Jan. 1 '23:	A few...

The Board discussed membership details and the need for current status so that dues can be accurately paid to OSFGC and non-renewing members purged.

Action: Janet, Hanne, Harriet and Heather will review; Janet will oversee through June.

9. Website: Gayle provided a list of oversight activities and enhancements she is exploring. The Board considered these and appreciate her efforts on behalf of the EGC.

10. Fundraising Committee: Chair, Heather Emberson, reported on two activities:

- Spring Garden Festival May 7, 2023 – Organizers intend to promote the Festival 3 weeks prior to the event; EGC will promote in advance. It was clarified BCMGA has other plans for plants remaining from their May 6 event; EGC members can donate plants. Discussed logistics and number of volunteers needed.
- Fall Festival September 23 & 24, 2023 – Timing is an issue for the Fall Festival between bulb orders and the event. Wholesale vendors (ADR and Van Engelen) were discussed along with individuals who may have knowledge of quantities to order should EGC participate.

The Board discussed the time, energy and labor resources necessary for fundraising activities and considered if it was warranted. Discussed increasing dues to capture funds for grants. Current solo and household dues cover all expenses of the EGC except grants; with an increase of \$10 for each unit, this would yield \$1,500 (nearly the amount given in grants). EGC might do more to solicit donations also.

Action: Janet will present concept of increased dues/donations to members at the April 3 meeting.

11. Lifetime Member: The Ad Hoc Committee (Heather, Nancy S, Anne S) provided context to the discussion and recommended that EGC bylaws not be changed, but policies & procedures be updated to reflect new intent. Further, discussed that Santiam District and OSFGC acknowledge the term "life member" is a misnomer within that organizational structure; this continues to be an option for member recognitions. The Board agreed to model the following categories with the protocol established in the BCMGA:

- Life Member -
 - Must be a member for at least 10 uninterrupted years
 - Must have significant contributions as: board member, committee chair, participate in fundraising activities, and other club activities
 - Must be nominated by a current club member and provide all documentation; the nominee can decline the recognition and remain a regular member.
 - The Board will review Life Member nominations in the Spring of each year and will announce the recognition of one (1) member annually at a Spring or Summer club social event.
 - The Member:
 - Is not required to pay annual EGC dues
 - will be not be counted in EGC membership tally
 - will have access to member-exclusive on-line sites and newsletters
 - will have access to all EGC activities and programs as all members do

- will have a platform to interact with EGC leaders on select subject areas
 - will retain voting privileges
- Emeritus Member -
 - Established to recognize senior members of the EGC who may, due to age-related isolation, continue to benefit from the camaraderie gained through the Trumpetvine and Newsletter.
 - Must be at least 80 years of age
 - At the February members' meeting, EGC will have a "birthday party" to recognize all those members who will turn 80 years that year (so the member is essentially self-nominated)
 - The member:
 - will be discreetly contacted and asked if they would like Emeritus status
 - will not pay annual EGC dues
 - will not be counted in EGC membership tally
 - will have access to member-exclusive on-line sites and newsletters
 - will have access to all EGC activities and programs as all members do
 - will not have voting privileges
 - The membership chair will create a list of Emeritus Members who will no longer pay dues but who will receive the electronic communications. These members will NOT be counted in our membership totals.

These two categories will recognize exemplary contributions to the club and recognize long-time participation by senior members.

Action: The EGC Policies & Procedures document must be updated. EGC members will be informed. A nomination form might be created.

12. Santiam District: Heather attended the March 16, 2023 meeting and reported on the same. While the District and larger Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs (OSFGC) has delightful and informed participants, involvement in the activities may not mesh with those of EGC. Specific topics requiring attention were discussed. Also discussed were the activities of the Lebanon Garden Club.

Action: Heather will report current membership and new member information to the OSFGC asap. The Board will report incoming officers to OSFGC and Santiam for directory and website update by June 1. Harriet & Hanne will investigate date fees are due to OSFGC.

13. April Member Meeting: Janet informed that Joyce Eberhardt will present on April 3 (Dan Luoma is no longer available). Joyce will present at 7:00 p.m. in a hybrid meeting. This will be followed by a business meeting to include vote of officers and MAL, Grants approval, and discussion of fundraising and solicitation of volunteers for Spring Garden Festival. The meeting will conclude with selection of two raffle winners of two \$20 gift certificates to Home Grown Gardens.

Action: Harriet will secure the gift certificates. Janet will preside over the meeting. Heather will distribute a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

14. Final Discussion: Briefly discussed hosting out-of-town guest speakers and ideas to make the speaker feel honored, such as dinner at a restaurant with members and overnight accommodations.

Respectfully submitted by
Heather Emberson