

Minutes of the July 31, 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, and Nancy Mandel. Non-board members attending were Ruby Moon and Paul Westerberg.

Minutes: Minutes of the June 12, 2023, board meeting were approved by a motion.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's June report was accepted. EGC had a total of \$10,422.19 at the end of June.

Old Business:

Positions to be Filled:

Janet Klingler was elected co-treasurer at a Special Meeting on July 24. Janet needs to be added as an authorized user of EGC's bank accounts and Harriet Plumley needs to be removed. Heinrich and Hanne stay on the account.

Paul Westerberg was appointed to conduct an annual review. He has all the material he needs and will complete the review in about a week.

Svetlana Dascaluic is the new membership chair and trumpetvine coordinator.

Summer Events: The Ice Cream Social was well received. There will be Tomato Tasting on August 28 and a Potluck on September 11.

Santiam District Meeting: The EGC is a member of the Santiam District of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs. Heather attended the district's semi-annual meeting and reported that the district might charge dues this year. It has not done so for several years.

Church Donation: In the past we donated \$250 per year to the church in appreciation of their allowing us to use their facilities for meetings. We have not donated recently but plan to do so again.

New Business:

Budget Standing Committee: The Treasurers and Heather will meet shortly to begin development of the annual budget

Committee Chair Positions: A motion passed to amend the Policies and Procedures document to say that committee chairs must be appointed annually by the President by August 15 unless otherwise indicated.

ZOOM Meetings: Briefly discussed need to transfer the Zoom account and need for person to facilitate the January and February meetings. Gayle will discuss ability and cost to enlist Bekki Levien.

Raffles:

Raffles for gift certificates were to encourage people to stay until the end of the meeting. This year we will only have one such raffle at our annual business meeting in October. EGC will initiate a 50/50 raffle at all our in-person meetings. In the 50/50 raffle members buy tickets for a chance at 50% of the total purse, the Grants Fund gets the other 50%.

Face Book Page: In June there was concern about the HNP Face Book page. An Ad Hoc committee will be formed to study the issue of privacy and access. Gayle will serve on this committee and Heather will appoint a couple of other people.

Update Website: The website needs periodic updating. Bekki Levien is our webmaster and is paid \$40 per hour for her services. It was suggested that we could reduce costs by consolidating our web requests to once a month. Gayle is our webmaster liaison and will speak with her.

Committees:

Membership Report: We have 164 members.

Programs: The program for the year is set. The December program will be on Dec. 4 as planned thanks to Lynn Trimpe. A committee will be formed to carry out the Greens program.

Discussed speakers' fees. The January speaker will receive \$400, the February speaker will receive \$100, and all other presenters will receive \$50. A motion was made and carried that all speakers who do not have fees will be given the same amount (\$50).

Projects:

Flower Therapy: Eight members volunteer for this activity which takes place in five nursing homes. Donna Westwood chairs this but will be gone during the winter months. Heather will follow-up with Donna about coverage during the winter

Good Turn Project: Melissa Cowan provided status by email. Karen reported that there have been few volunteers recently. The board will encourage more participation.

Home National Park: Status of the HNP project was provided via email by Cathy Kerr and Robin Straus. The board passed a motion to follow their suggestion to give realtors our one-page information flier to insert into the Welcome Package that home buyers receive.

Club Identifier at Events: It would be useful to have something that identifies members. Aprons and badges were suggested.

Member/Visitor Comments: Time was provided to discuss items not on the agenda.

August Board Meeting: There is a time conflict with our next board meeting which was scheduled for 4pm on August 28. Heather will reschedule.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Submitted by Nancy Mandel, co-secretary and Heather Emberson, President