

EVENING GARDEN CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of the Monday September 25, 2023 Meeting

The meeting convened at 4:12pm at The Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran church with Heather Emberson presiding. Other board members attending were Karen Hopson, Nancy Haldeman, Gayle Parrish, Patrick Emblidge, Janet Klingler, Hanne Niederhausen, Heinrich Niederhausen, and Judi DeBord. Absent: Nancy Mandel

1. Announcements: The Book Club is going along well, according to a report from Nancy Mandel to Heather.

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda: None.

3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the August 25, 2023 board meeting were approved by a motion.

4. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's August 2023 report was accepted. Ending balances for August: Checking: \$1,486.19 Savings: \$10,437.57

5. Committee Reports: Committee Chairs for 2024 are as follows:

- A. Fundraising – TBD
- B. Grants – Marsha Ham
- C. Membership & Trumpetvine – Svetlana Dascaluic
- D. Name Tag – Anna Cassilly & Donna Schultz
- E. Newsletter – Valerie Hall
- F. Program – Karen Hopson
- G. Publicity – TBD
- H. Tour – LeAnna Trosen
- I. Web Presence – Gayle Parrish

The Board decided there is no need for a Publicity Chair as the board seems to handle these issues.

6. Project Reports: Project Leads for 2024 are as follows:

- A. Book Club – Nancy Mandel
- B. Floral Therapy – Donna Westwood
- C. Good Turns – Melissa Corwin
- D. Homegrown National Parks – Robin Strauss

7. Old Business:

A. Salad Toss: Nancy Haldeman reported that about 40 members attended the potluck. For future events, it was noted that the City of Corvallis Parks Department has two time periods available for picnic shelter reservations: 1pm – 5pm, and 6pm – 10pm.

B. Oct & May Meeting (raffles): The general membership meetings in October 2023 and April 2024 will have raffle tickets available to win a \$20 gift certificate to a local nursery.

C. EGC/HNP Facebook page – Heather: Gayle and the ad hoc committee (Patrick Emblige and Dave Mandel) are planning a meeting to discuss this topic.

D. ZOOM Meetings - Heather: The Treasurers were asked to contact Zoom to find out pricing for increasing the number of users who can log in concurrently. The current EGC Zoom license allows 100 users to log in at the same time. The January and February general membership meetings are set to be Zoom-only, so not all 175 EGC members would be able to log in with our current licensing.

There was brief discussion about the Board of Directors meetings in January and February also being Zoom-only. This topic will be revisited in a later meeting.

8. New Business:

A. Annual Meeting Agenda draft: Add a note to the agenda and newsletter about the plant exchange taking place after the business meeting.

B. Annual Operating Budget draft: To be approved at the Annual Meeting in October.

C. Accommodations for Member Needs: Discussion about looking into obtaining a P.A. system for presenters to use in general membership meetings. Members have commented that they are sometimes not able to clearly hear the presenters at meetings.

D. Summer Tour: Tabled until October meeting due to Nancy Mandel's absence.

9. Membership/Visitor Comments and Requests: None.

10. Next Meeting: 4:00pm Monday, October 30, at SVLC.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Minutes submitted by Judi DeBord, Co-Secretary