

Minutes of the Feb 26, 2024 Board Meeting of the Evening Garden Club (EGC)

The meeting convened at 2 pm at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church with Heather Emberson presiding. Other board members attending were Karen Hopson, Gayle Parrish, Hanne Niederhausen, Nancy Haldeman, Janet Klingler, and Nancy Mandel. The non-board member present was Ruby Moon.

Announcements: Gaye Stewart, director of the Santiam District of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs will attend the March meeting.

Minutes: A motion passed to approve the January minutes with one minor correction.

Treasurer's Report:

- A. A motion passed to accept the December treasurer's report. The club had a total of \$11,163.89 as of January 31.
- B. Our one-year CD will mature in March. Our cash available was less than \$200 last October so we decided this year to invest \$7,000 in an annual CD, and if possible in a \$2,000 shorter term CD. The treasurers will handle this.
- C. We will ask for a \$5 dues increase for 2025.
- D. We need a physical address, not just a PO box, for the report to the Oregon Secretary of State and to the bank. We will use treasurer's address, Janet Klinger's.
- E. The Corvallis Sustainability Coalition asked for a donation. We decided we would not give them a donation and generally would not give donations to other non-profits.

Committee Reports:

- A. Fund raising - The committee (Cory Koos, chair Kathleen Rochester, Carrie Ottow, LeAnna Trosen, Anne Smith) has been actively organizing fund raising activities and sent us a progress report. The board decided:
 - 1. We didn't want more than one raffle at any member meeting. This will usually be the 50/50 raffle. We need another roll of raffle tickets.
 - 2. The committee can run a flea market at the Spring Garden Festival if they wish. The board is willing to pay the \$45 entry fee. April 2 is the entry deadline.
 - 3. The committee will have a Silent Auction at the March meeting.
 - 4. Other decisions were postponed.
- B. Grants – A flier advertising the grants has been distributed.
- C. Membership- We have about 150 members. Svetlana Dascaluc does not wish to continue as chair next year.
- D. March program – Adaptive Gardening with Dana Hughes (Physical Therapist at Sweetgrass Physical Therapy & Wellness) and Sharon Knight (garden expert at Garland Nursery).
- E. Publicity – Fliers were sent to Nancy Sarpola for posting at the NPK kiosks.
- F. Tours – Possible tours are to Richie's, Portland, and Eugene.
- G. Web Presence – Gayle is working on web administration.

Project Reports:

- A. Home Grown National Park
 - 1. Cathy Kerr is preparing another brochure.

2. The HGNP committee would like a presence at the Spring Garden Festival. If the Funds committee participates at the Festival, then HGNP can have a table with them. Otherwise, it is possible for the club to share a table with the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition. If necessary, we will revisit this at the next board meeting.

Old Business:

- A. Nominations Committee – Janet Magedanz has agreed to chair the committee and Ruby will be on it. The committee needs to find people to serve as president-elect, treasurer, two secretaries, members at large, and a membership chair. Other committee chairs have committed to serving another year.
- B. Earmarked donations (sweeten the pot) – A person would like to donate \$125 to be added to a grant going to a school for native planting if such a grant exists this year. A motion passed allowing this.

New Business:

- A. OSFGC – The EGC will host a meeting of the Santiam District at the church on March 21. This is a brown bag event lasting from 10:30 to 1:30. More information will be coming.
- B. Parks & Rec Planet Palooza – This takes place in April. There was little interest expressed by the board members to participate in this.

March Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be at 2pm Monday, March 25.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30.

Submitted by Nancy Mandel, co-secretary