

Minutes of the Jan 29, 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, Judi DeBord, Janet Klingler, and Nancy Mandel. Non-board members present were Marsha Ham and Cathy Kerr.

Announcements: Judy DeBord is leaving the board as of March.

Changes to Agenda: Discuss Home Grown National Park's request for \$100.

Minutes: A motion passed to approve the November minutes. There was no board meeting in December.

Treasurer's Report: A motion passed to accept the December treasurer's report. The club had a total of \$11,839.89 as of December 31.

Committee Reports:

- A. Fund raising - The committee – Cory Koos, chair (Kathleen Rochester, Carrie Ottow, LeAnna Trosen, Anne Smith) – sent a proposal to the board describing three ways to raise money for the Grants and Scholarship fund at in-person events starting in March. Board approved the concepts with details to come. Janet reported that there is \$618 in the Grants Fund.
- B. Grants – Marsha Ham is Grants Chair (Christina Clark). A motion passed to add Jan Gustafson to the Grants committee. A flier advertising the grants has been made and will be posted in NPK.
- C. Membership- We have about 185 members. Svetlana Dascaluic, chair, will purge the roll soon.
- D. Name tags – A motion passed to buy a new box for the tags. Donna Schultz and Anna Cassilly will be informed.
- E. Newsletter – Val Hall will make the newsletter through June. We need to find a replacement for her.
- F. February program - This is Zoom only. Cathy Kerr will introduce Eileen Stark. Eileen is being paid \$100. Ruby Moon will introduce the April speakers.
- G. Publicity – Currently, the EGC Prez is writing the fliers and Nancy Sarpola sends the postings.
- H. Tour – LeAnna Trosen reports the committee is complete with the addition of Roz Larson to join Melissa Cowin.
- I. Trumpetvine – Some members complain about too many messages; others have enjoyed all the emails. We decided we weren't going to make any changes.
- J. Web Presence – Heather and Bekki upgraded the website in December. Minutes, treasurer reports and other items to be put on the website should be sent to Gayle. Last week the website had 21 visitors with 43 views.

Project Reports:

- A. Book Group – About 10 people attend each meeting and that it has been fun.

- B. Floral Therapy – ~~There has been some confusion at Trader Joe's about flowers.~~ Trader Joe's has very generously been donating flowers to EGC's Flower Therapy for some time. One place that EGC serves is the Stoneybrook Assisted Living. A group called the Stoneybrook Garden Club ~~has asked~~ Trader Joe's for flowers and the store was confused about the two groups. Heather researched and found no club by that name. TJ's was informed.
- C. Good Turns – Karen Hopson reported during winter, not much action.
- D. Home Grown National Park - Previously the HGNP committee sent board members an email detailing their achievements. They asked for \$100 for potting soil. A motion was passed authorizing them to spend \$100.

Old Business:

- A. Media Posting – Gayle is working on Facebook credentials.

New Business:

- A. Nominations Committee – According to the bylaws a former club president is supposed to be the chair, but none want to do this. Heather will meet with Janet Magedanz mid-February. Meanwhile, Heather will request to suspend this section of the Bylaws at the Regular Club Meeting on February 5th. The board may consider a change in the bylaws.
- B. Scholarship Donation – Not this year.
- C. Photos to a cloud server – The board had no interest in this.
- D. Earmarked donations – The club was offered a donation of \$125 to the Grants Fund but the donator wanted it earmarked for native plantings at a school. It was decided that the club can't handle earmarked donations to the Grants Fund since we don't know who is going to receive grants or for what. Heather will write a letter thanking the person but saying we can't guarantee where grant money will go.

February Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be at 2pm Monday, February 26.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30.

Submitted by Nancy Mandel, co-secretary

