

## **Draft**

### **Minutes of the March 25, 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 members present were Cathy Kerr, Marsha Ham, and Sheryl Thorburn.

Announcements: Sheryl Thorburn has agreed to serve as Member-at-Large for the remainder of our fiscal year (through June 30). The board passed a motion approving this. There will be an election at the next regular meeting to make her an MAL.

Minutes: A motion passed to approve the February minutes.

#### Treasurer's Report:

- A. A motion passed to accept the January treasurer's report. The club had a total of \$ 11,329.07 as of January 31.
- B. The club's \$9,000 CD matured in March and a \$7,000 CD was purchased to replace it. We reduced the size of the investment because the total balance in the club's operating bank accounts was less than \$200 last fall. We felt that was insufficient.

#### Committee Reports:

- A. Fund raising - The committee (Cory Koos, chair Kathleen Rochester, Carrie Ottow, LeAnna Trosen, Anne Smith) has been performing fund raising activities.
  1. The silent auction was a great success and will be repeated.
  2. The committee will not have a flea market at the Spring Garden Festival. They plan to have one in the summer.
- B. Grants –
  1. Fund raising has added \$1037 to the \$1500 already budgeted.
  2. Nine applications were received and all will receive something.
- C. Membership- We have 164 members. There are 106 single memberships and 29 household memberships.
- D. Programs –
  1. The April 1 program will feature a panel answering landscaping questions. Ruby Moon will introduce them and is facilitating the questions.
  2. Karen (program chair) has organized a committee to schedule next year's programs.
- E. Publicity – The club posts items in the NPK kiosks.
- F. Web Presence –
  1. The secretary will send approved board minutes to Bekki Levien (the club web administrator).
  2. Bekki will be asked to bundle her work.

#### Project Reports:

- A. Floral Therapy – Trader Joe's provides flowers and has requested the club sign an agreement to become a donation partner. We will do this.
- B. Home Grown National Park

1. The HGNP committee will be at the Spring Garden Festival. The club is paying the \$45 entrance fee.
2. The HGNP will also be at the Albany Farmers' Market and the Corvallis Farmers' Market this year.
3. The HGNP will have a demonstration native garden at Monarch on 4<sup>th</sup>. Monarch on 4<sup>th</sup> is a non-profit that provides doulas for expectant mothers and support for families with babies and toddlers. They are located in a house on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The committee estimates the cost of the native garden will be \$20,000.
4. The committee will advise the Philomath Museum about native plants.
5. OSU Used donated an old laptop and projector to the committee.
6. The committee requested having a non-zero line item in our annual budget and suggested \$600.

Old Business:

- A. OSFGC – The EGC hosted a meeting of the Santiam District at the church on March 21. The event was a success.
- B. Nominations Committee – Janet Magedanz (chair), Ruby Moon, Nancy Sarpola, and Jennifer Klammer are on this committee.

New Business -

- A. The possibility of creating a 3-fold brochure was discussed.
- B. Membership booklet. Several years ago, the club stopped publishing a hard copy of the membership list and club information. It was stopped because of cost and lack of volunteers to create it. The possibility of restarting this was discussed. The club website has been fulfilling this function.
- C. Summer events –
  1. The Thompson shelter has been reserved for a club potluck the second Monday of September.
  2. Other possible events (soiree, ice cream social) were discussed.

April Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be at 2pm Monday, April 29.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30.

Submitted by Nancy Mandel, secretary