**Minutes of the June 10, 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, Sheryl Thorburn, and Nancy Mandel. This was the annual board meeting with incoming board members in attendance. They were Cathy Kerr (member-at large), Paul Westerberg (co-treasurer), and Becca Smith (secretary). Returning board members and their positions next fiscal year are Nancy H (president), Nancy M (president-elect), Janet Klinger (co-treasurer), Gayle (MAL), and Sheryl (MAL).

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

Treasurer’s Report and Expenditures: A motion passed to accept the March and April treasurer’s report. The club had a total of $9,447.66 at the end of May.

Committee Reports:

1. Fund raising – Cory Koos is chair.
2. Grants – Marsha Ham is chair.
3. Membership- Janet Magedanz is chair and is also in charge of trumpetvine. We have 168 members.
4. Name Tags – Anna Cassilly and Donna Schultz handle this.
5. Newsletter – Val Hall does our newsletter. The next one is the end of September.
6. Program – Karen Hopson is chair. Most of the programs for the upcoming program year (October – May) have been arranged.
7. Publicity – Nobody is in this post.
8. Tours – LeAnna Trosen is chair. There have already been several tours this year and more are planned.
9. Website –Gayle Parrish is our liaison with webmaster Bekki Levin.

Project Reports:

1. Book Group – Nancy Mandel is chair. The next meeting is July 11.
2. Floral Therapy – Donna Westwood is chair. The club serves four assisted living organizations.
3. Home Grown National Park – Robin Strauss and Cathy Kerr are co-chairs. The HNP garage sale netted $658. In addition, the City Green Grant Program gave $735 and the Benton Soil and Water Conservation District gave $2500 towards completion of the first phase of the native planting project at Monarch on 4th. Cathy will sign an agreement with the city. Signe Danler is contributing a landscape design.

Old Business:

1. Social Events – There will be a potluck on Monday, August 19 at the Lion’s Shelter in Avery Park. Nancy M is chair.
2. Neighborhood Planter Kiosk – Heather will send out an email on trumpetvine asking for a volunteer to provide the monthly one-page flier that is posted on the NPK kiosk the fourth week of each month.

New Business:

1. Bylaw changes – We need some changes in the bylaws.
2. Among the changes are:
   1. Make clear that co-treasurers each serve two years, with overlapping terms. One new treasurer is elected each year and serves two years.
   2. We only need one secretary.
   3. The Nominations Committee need only be chaired by a former board member, not necessarily a past president.
3. Changes in the bylaws need to be approved by the membership. We will vote on bylaw changes at the October meeting. A list of changes needs to be sent to members two weeks prior to the meeting.
4. Nancy M and Nancy H will work on this.
5. Policy and Procedure Changes
6. The club no longer needs a corresponding secretary as the tours committee and the program committee are handling their own thank you notes.
7. Nancy M and Nancy H should look over the P&P for other necessary changes.
8. Changes in the P&P need only be approved by the board, not the membership.
9. Financial Review - Nancy H will appoint somebody to do the annual financial review.
10. Dues increase documentation. We need to update all documents where the dues are stated since we have increased the dues by $5, to $25 per person and $35 per household.
11. Annual Budget – The Budget Committee is made up of the president, the co-treasurers and others as appointed by the president. It needs to make a budget for the upcoming fiscal year and present it to the membership for approval next October.

Next Board Meeting:

1. September 30 at 2pm at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.
2. There are no planned board meetings in July and August.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35.

Submitted by Nancy Mandel, secretary