

Minutes of the September 30, 2024 Board Meeting of the Evening Garden Club (EGC)

The meeting was called to order at 2:02pm at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, with EGC President Nancy Haldeman presiding. Other board members in attendance were: Cathy Kerr, Bonnie Burkart, Janet Klingler, Nancy Mandel, Gayle Parrish, and Becca Smith.

Minutes: A motion passed to approve the June 10, 2024 board meeting minutes. There were no board meetings in July and August of 2024.

Treasurer's Report and Expenditures: A motion passed to accept the August 2024 treasurer's report. The Corvallis EGC had a total of \$12,712.46 at the end of August 2024.

Budget Review for 2024-2025: The board reviewed the proposed budget and a motion was brought and carried to approve the proposed budget with the following changes:

- A. As club dues were recently increased, the proposed income from dues was updated to reflect this change.
- B. An amount of up to \$400.00 was approved to cover Zoom costs and payment to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church for use of their facilities for meetings and presentations.

Board Member Changes: A motion was brought and approved to add Bonnie Burkart as Co-Treasurer along with Janet Klingler. Bonnie Burkart and Janet Klingler are replacing Hanne and Heinrich Niederhausen as EGC Co-Treasurers going forward.

Homegrown National Parks Update: The new chair of HNP is Kathleen Chambliss. Cathy Kerr is in the process of pricing plants and coordinating removal of debris. She plans to give EGC members an opportunity to sponsor plant purchases and will give a presentation at the upcoming general meeting on October 7, 2024.

Website Maintenance and Updates: Website maintenance and updates were discussed. Nancy H., Nancy M, and Gayle will work on ensuring new members are added to the club roster and are included in Trumpetvine emails.

Upcoming Plant Exchange: The upcoming general meeting on October 7, 2024 will include a plant exchange. Set up and clean up duties were arranged among the board.

Proposed Greens Party with Master Gardeners: A motion was approved to hold the EGC's annual Greens Party along with the Master Gardeners. This event is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at the Benton County Fairgrounds. More information to follow as details are arranged.

Fundraising and Raffle: The board discussed possible fundraising and raffle ideas. This is on-going among the Fundraising Committee.

NPK Kiosk: In collaboration with other groups, the EGC prepares a flyer once per month to display in NPK boxes throughout the city. The need for volunteers will be brought up at the upcoming general meeting on October 7, 2024.

Membership: There are currently 174 EGC members.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 28, 2024 at 2:00pm at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36pm.

Submitted by Becca Smith, ECG Secretary