

Minutes of November 25, 2024 Board Meeting of the Evening Garden Club (EGC)

The meeting started at 2 pm at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church with Nancy Haldeman presiding. Other board members attending were Gayle Parrish, Sheryl Thorburn, Cathy Kerr, Janet Klinger, Bonnie Burkart and Nancy Mandel. Carrie Ottow attended as a guest.

Minutes: A motion passed to approve the October minutes.

Treasurer's Report and Expenditures: A motion passed to accept the October treasurer's report. At the end of October there was \$9,459.69 in the general fund and \$5,519.31 in the HNP fund for a total of \$14,979.00.

Fund Raising Committee (FRC): The committee consists of Kathleen Rochester, Carrie Ottow, and Cory Koos (chair). They would like a table at Insights into Gardening, a Benton County Master Gardeners Association event on Feb 8. They would sell garden related items to raise money for EGC grants. Home Grown National Park would also have a presence. BCMGA requires that table owners have a raffle prize worth at least \$50. Proceeds from the raffle go to BCMGA. The FRC has \$50 in the EGC budget for incidentals and about \$180 that they have raised. They need some money to buy items that they could resell. A motion passed approving the FRC having a table. They will decide later whether to proceed. Passing the can for grant donations at our October meeting was a success and will be repeated at the March meeting.

Zoom Account: The EGC only needs a Zoom account in January and February since those are the only months we have online meetings. A motion passed to approve having the treasurers purchase a two-month Zoom account, preferably with an allowed attendance of at least 200.

Website updates: The website committee met on November 15. Since then, many corrections have been made to the EGC website. Janet Magedanz, the EGC membership chair, will send an updated membership list every month that updates are needed to Bekki Levien, our webmaster.

Spam email: Nancy H warned about spam emails that appear to come from her.

Pop-up Zoom Events: The HNP committee will have a pop-up Zoom presentation in January to inform our members about HNP's goals and accomplishments. David Mandel volunteered to be the Zoom host and use his Zoom account.

Membership dues paid online: The board was favorable about members being able to pay dues online. There was discussion about who should pay the transaction fees and how to handle new members who join in the last half of the year. This discussion will continue at a later meeting.

December Meeting: This will be a joint meeting with the BCMGA at the fairgrounds on December 4. Both their December meeting and ours are always Greens Meetings with wreaths and related items made. The local newspaper incorrectly said the public was invited and it would last from noon to 8pm. The BCMGA will contact the newspaper about a correction. Janet Magedanz is managing this for the EGC.

Homegrown National Park (HNP): Progress is being made on the Monarch on 4th project. Phase 1 is nearly complete, phase 2 designed by Signe Danler will start this week, and Kathy Chambliss will be taking the lead on design of Phase 3. Signe also created an extensive list of appropriate plants. A Memorandum of Understanding between EGC and the owners of the Monarch on 4th property is being written. MOUs already exist between the owners and their neighbors. HNP recently received a \$3,000 grant from the Corvallis Community Thrift Store, and they continue to apply for grants.

Board meetings: There will be no board meeting in December. The next board meeting is January 27, 2025.

The meeting ended at 3:10.

Submitted by Nancy Mandel, VP