

Minutes of the January 27, 2025 Board Meeting of the Evening Garden Club (EGC)

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, with EGC president Nancy Haldeman presiding. Other board members in attendance were: Nancy Mandel, Janet Klingler, Bonnie Burkart, Gayle Parrish, Cathy Kerr, and Becca Smith. Guests attending were: Kathy Chambliss, Cory Koos, Marsha Ham and Suzanne McLean.

Minutes: A motion passed to approve the November 25, 2024 board meeting minutes. No board meeting was held in December 2024.

Treasurer's Report and Expenditures: Motions were passed to approve both the November and December 2024 treasurer's reports. Net assets on November 30, 2024 were \$10,688.69 in the general fund and \$5,519.31 in the HNP fund for a total of \$16,208.00. On December 31, 2024 the general fund contained \$11,520.66 and the HNP fund had \$4,101.40 for a total of \$15,622.06. The board voted to transfer approximately \$2,200 from the 11-month Business Certificate at OSCU to cover any budget deficit and renew the certificate in the amount of \$5,000.

Board Member Changes: A motion was brought and approved to add Suzanne McLean to the EGC board as a member at large.

Grant Committee: Marsha Ham, chair of the grant committee, presented updates. There were 9 grants presented last year and Marsha has completed follow up visits to the grant sites. She shared the grant flyers which explain the program and has distributed them to local businesses, schools and to the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition to get the word out. The EGC budget includes \$1500 per year for grants, plus any proceeds from fund raising activities, raffles, donations, and the Bottle Drop program.

Fundraising Committee: Cory Koos, chair of the fundraising committee, shared an upcoming online bulb sale in collaboration with Brent and Becky's Bulbs. EGC will get a percentage of sales earmarked for our club. More information to follow. The fundraising committee plans to make gift baskets for raffle prizes at upcoming in-person meetings and has many other fundraising ideas in the works.

Homegrown National Parks (HNP): Kathy Chambliss (chair) and Cathy Kerr provided an update on HNP's native plant demonstration garden located at Monarch on 4th. Phase 1 is complete and Signe Danler is designing Phase 2. A total of 5 phases are planned, which will include walking paths, an edible garden, and signage to identify plants and share the importance of caring for pollinators. HNP was recently selected for a \$10,000 gift from "100 People Who Care". Each quarter this group chooses a non-profit to receive these funds and 100 members each give \$100. There will be a check presentation ceremony on January 30, 2025 at 9:30 am at Monarch on 4th. HNP will send thank you notes and provide donation letters for these 100 people. HNP and EGC treasurers will collaborate on necessary documentation. The fiscal year/budget year for EGC ends on June 30, 2025.

Membership: Current EGC membership is 163. Membership chair Janet Magedanz recently sent out the active member list via Trumpetvine. This password-protected list is also available on the EGC website. New members who join after July will have extended membership through the following year.

February General Meeting via Zoom: The board previously voted to hold the January and February meetings each year via Zoom. The next Zoom meeting will be held on February 5, 2025. Jo Wakelin, from New Zealand, will discuss drought tolerant gardening. A link will be sent to current EGC members prior to the meeting. As several members report not receiving the Zoom invitations, Nancy Haldeman will follow up on this issue and the link will be sent out more than once.

Trumpetvine: Trumpetvine is used to disperse club information, yet some members in this google group are not receiving all the links. Members will be encouraged to view the monthly newsletter for information about upcoming events.

Nominating Committee: Heather Emberson has agreed to head the nominating committee. Members interested in becoming more involved in EGC can contact Heather directly. Terms (generally 2 years) end in June and new board members begin in July. Santiam District, which our club is part of, has openings for officers. See the EGC newsletter for more information.

July Picnic: Date and location to be determined.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, February 24, 2025 at 2:00pm at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

Submitted by Becca Smith, EGC secretary