

Minutes of the February 24, 2025 Board Meeting of the Evening Garden Club (EGC)

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, with EGC president Nancy Haldeman presiding. Board members in attendance were: Nancy Mandel, Janet Klingler, Cathy Kerr, Suzanne McLean, and Becca Smith. Marsha Ham attended as a guest.

Minutes: A motion passed to approve the January 27, 2025 board meeting minutes.

Financial Report: A motion was brought and passed to accept the January 2025 treasurers report. Net assets on January 31, 2025 were \$11,875.90 in the General Fund and \$10,026.40 in the HNP Fund for a total of \$21,902.30. A motion passed to keep our ZOOM account active throughout the year instead of month-to-month.

Grants Committee: A grants committee chair will be needed for the upcoming year, beginning July 01, 2025. Marsha Ham, current chair of the grants committee, will follow up on previously awarded grants through December of 2025 and will provide assistance and procedures for the incoming grants chair. Marsha reports that EGC grant applications are being accepted from February 15 - March 15, 2025. The grants committee will review applications from March 16 - 30, 2025, and the board will approve applications at the March 31, 2025 board meeting. EGC membership will vote on the applications at the April 07, 2025 general meeting. Currently, \$1500.00 is in the approved budget for grants, plus any additional amount collected through fundraising.

Upcoming EGC General Meeting: Our next regular meeting will be held on March 03, 2025 at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church as an in-person only meeting. Our speaker will be Dave Eckerdt from Deerly Missed Garden. Nancy Haldeman plans to introduce committee chairs.

Board Positions: The nominating committee is comprised of Heather Emberson and Nancy Mandel. A vice president, treasurer, and two members-at-large (MAL) are needed for the upcoming term. Treasurer duties and timelines were discussed. Online payment options and nonprofit-specific financial reports are being researched, as well as consolidation of various member lists, receipts, name tags, and donations. The treasurer provides a detailed financial report to membership each October.

Homegrown National Parks (HNP): Cathy Kerr presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between EGC and the property owners of Monarch on 4th, located at 520 NW 4th Street in Corvallis. Nancy Haldeman, EGC president, will be added as a signer on the MOU. A motion to implement this MOU was approved by the board. Cathy gave an update on this project, which will include a children's edible garden, native plant signage and a mural. Soils testing will be arranged for the edible garden area.

Policy and Procedures: Nancy Mandel had previously separated the policy and procedures from the bylaws, which were updated and voted on by the membership. As the policy and procedures need revisions, the president, treasurer, and secretary will meet as a committee to review and consolidate.

Web Updates: The approved treasurers report and board meeting minutes should be sent to Bekki Levien monthly for inclusion on the website.

Additional Items: Some EGC members are not receiving Trumpetvine notices. Nancy Mandel will seek solutions for this issue. Nancy Mandel plans to organize a pop-up ZOOM garden tour in the fall. Members will be encouraged to send in photos of their garden for inclusion in this virtual tour. More information is forthcoming.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, March 31, 2025 at 2:00pm at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40

Submitted by Becca Smith, EGC secretary