

## **Minutes of the October 27, 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 Mandel presiding. Board members in attendance were Janet Magedanz, Al Shay, David Mandel, Cathy Kerr, Jane Helfen, and Becca Smith.

**Minutes:** A motion passed to approve the September 29, 2025 board meeting minutes.

**Financial Report:** A motion was passed to accept the September 2025 financial report.

**October 06, 2025 General Meeting:** Due to a shortage of appropriate table covers during the plant exchange, Nancy Mandel has donated four green, round table covers for future events.

**Share Table:** It was decided that a share/miscellaneous table will be available at in-person meetings in the future. Use of the microphone is recommended, as several members have difficulty hearing the speaker without it. The board discussed the two plant exchanges per year, and shared member input about them. A motion was made and passed to conduct only one plant exchange each year during the month of October.

**Table at Insights into Gardening:** The board discussed if EGC would host a table at the Insights into Gardening event to be held on February 07, 2026. EGC will have at a table, where volunteers can promote HNP and EGC. A raffle prize valued at \$50.00 is required of each table. A motion was made and passed to spend \$50.00 for this event. Signed books by Doug Tallamy were suggested as the raffle entry. Cathy Kerr will obtain books and Dr. Tallamy's signature for these items. Specific EGC membership forms will be created for use at Insights into Gardening.

**Second EGC Treasurer:** Janet Magedanz agrees to be the sole treasurer for the current term. She will train the incoming treasurer during July of 2026. A volunteer for this position is still needed. The board will revisit this issue later.

**Grants Committee Status:** Sheryl Casteen and Jane Helfen will join the grants committee, and both will consider taking over as grants chair after this term.

**Club Annual Summary:** Nancy Mandel has created a club notebook containing documents and correspondence such as policy and procedures, financials, by-laws, etc. She will continue updating this notebook as archivist and provide a copy for future EGC presidents. Janet M. will file for EGC 501(C)(3) status when the federal government reopens.

**Good Turn Project:** Nancy Mandel wrote a letter to the City of Corvallis and the Mayor regarding construction damage to the Good Turn garden beds. She received a response from James Mellein, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation. Melissa Dawley will meet with James to discuss remediation options. The issue of using Trumpetvine to recruit volunteers for non-EGC projects was discussed. Janet Magedanz will respond to inappropriate emails.

**Upcoming OSFGC Club Presidents Meeting:** Nancy Mandel will be taking part in a ZOOM meeting with other OSFGC presidents.

**Privacy Concerns on EGC website:** Removal of the membership list from the website was discussed due to member privacy concerns. It was decided to leave the membership list as it is, which allows members to remove certain aspects from their listing or to not be listed at all.

**November 03, 2025 General Meeting:** The speaker will be Jo Gettman, who will discuss different aspects of Backyard Gardening.

**Anything Else?** In-person, ZOOM and hybrid meeting formats were discussed and may change depending on the season. A poll is in the works to gather member opinions on possible changes to meeting times and days, and format preferences.

**Next Board Meeting:** The next board meeting will be held on Monday, November 24, 2025 at 2:00pm at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

The meeting concluded at 2:56pm

Submitted by Becca Smith, EGC secretary