

Minutes of the November 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 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 October 27, 2025 board meeting minutes.

Financial Report: A motion was passed to accept the October and November 2025 financial report. Total EGC assets were \$14,888.38 as of 11/20/2025. Janet Magedanz will serve as EGC treasurer through the current term. She has purchased a ledger to pass on to the incoming treasurer in July 2026.

Next Board Meeting: There is no board meeting planned for December 2025, the next board meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2026.

Member Renewal Status: Membership dues have been coming in regularly; a reminder will be sent to members.

Trumpetvine: Some members are unable to receive Trumpetvine emails. Janet M. has been working on this issue and will continue to assist members as needed. A member has requested permission to post items for sale from a closing nursery on Trumpetvine. EGC policy does not allow posting items for sale on Trumpetvine.

Al Shay's Workshops: Al's first workshop will be held on January 10, 2026 from 1:00-2:30pm at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. This workshop will cover ladder safety, equipment maintenance, sharpening, and proper technique. Nancy M. will send an invitation to the Santiam District to join in this event. Al is also planning a pruning demonstration to be held in a member's yard. Date and place to be determined.

OSFGC Directories: Nancy M. handed out current directories to board members, who should pass them on to future board members at the end of their term.

Share Table: It was decided to provide a share table during the annual plant exchange in October, but not at every in-person general meeting.

Table at Insights Into Gardening: Insights Into Gardening will be held on February 07, 2026, where EGC will have a table. Al Shay, Kristin Anderson, and Adrienne Guy are coordinating this event. Cathy Kerr has obtained books by Dr. Doug Tallamy as a raffle prize, and will have them signed.

OSFGC Club Presidents' Meeting: On October 28, 2025, Nancy Mandel attended a ZOOM meeting with other club presidents. The group shared ideas about successful programs and encouraging more volunteers.

Website: Exposure of full membership list has been repaired. A membership form is in multiple places on the EGC website. David Mandel will insure there is a link which will update all necessary areas.

November General Meeting: The November 03, 2025 general meeting had only 26 attendees. There was discussion about possibly having meetings earlier in the day during the colder months. It was decided to hold future November general meetings via ZOOM instead of in-person.

December and January General Meetings: The December 02, 2025 meeting will be the annual Green's Party from 3:00-6:00pm at the Benton County Fairgrounds. The January 2026 meeting will be ZOOM only.

Additional Items: A memorial service was held for Louise Copes, a past-president of EGC. Nancy Mandel, David Mandel, and Janet Magedanz attended.

Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 2:00pm at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

The meeting concluded at 2:50pm

Submitted by Becca Smith, EGC secretary