

Minutes of the June 29, 2026 Board Meeting of the Evening Garden Club (EGC)

This meeting was called to order at 2:05pm at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church with EGC president Nancy Mandel presiding. Board members present were Al Shay, David Mandel, Janet Magedanz, Jane Helfen, and Becca Smith. Adrienne Guy, Donna Westwood, Anne Smith, and Pat Gallagher attended as guests. Board members for the upcoming term are Al Shay, president; Anne Smith, president-elect; Kathleen Rochester, treasurer; Becca Smith, secretary; Jane Helfen, Pat Gallagher, and Adrienne Guy, members-at-large.

Minutes: A motion passed to approve the April 27, 2026 and May 25, 2026 board meeting minutes.

Floral Therapy: Donna Westwood shared the history of the floral therapy program, which now involves visits to four local assisted-living facilities. For the past two years she's had consistent volunteers for this program. Trader Joe's donates the flowers, which are picked up by EGC volunteers. The current budget allows \$300 per year to purchase flowers on the rare occasion Trader Joe's doesn't have extras. In addition, volunteers may purchase flowers on their own and request reimbursement, or Donna can request additional funds. Janet proposes reducing this amount to \$200 per year in the upcoming budget, and Donna agrees this amount would be sufficient. The budget committee will be formulating the budget for the current term, which requires approval by EGC membership at the October 2026 business meeting.

Next Board Meeting: Nancy Mandel reports that EGC board meetings have been held the last Monday of the month for quite some time, although the meeting time has been flexible. The board agreed to keep the meeting time at 2:00pm. The next board meeting date TBD.

Financial Report: Janet Magedanz, EGC treasurer, shared and discussed the past year's income and expenditures. Total EGC assets as of June 15, 2026 were \$14,852.13. A motion passed to accept the treasurer's report. Janet sent a board-approved \$300 donation to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church for continued use of their facilities. The church responded with a note of appreciation, as donations support their Giving Garden Ministry's generous sharing of fresh produce with our community. Going forward, the budget committee plans to add this donation as a line item.

Financial Access to the Evening Garden Club Account at the Oregon State Credit Union (OSCU) for Incoming EGC Board Members: EGC membership elected Al Shay as president of the EGC effective 07/01/2026. Al Shay is replacing Nancy Mandel in this role. Effective 07/01/2026, Kathleen Rochester will succeed Janet Magedanz as EGC treasurer.

Web Hosting Services: Stormwire doesn't exist anymore, as they were bought out by HostGo. The cost is \$65 per year.

OSFGC Convention – June 27, 2026: Nancy M. and Janet attended this convention. As EGC insurance through OSFGC is expensive, Nancy proposed a yearly maximum of \$500 per garden club. This proposal was voted down, as larger clubs would end up being subsidized. If EGC remains part of OSFGC, another approach may be attempted at the next convention.

Becoming a 501(c)(3): EGC currently has subordinate 501(c)(3) status under OSFGC. The board discussed acquiring our own 501(c)(3), which would save a considerable amount on insurance. The initial application fee for a 501(c)(3) is \$275. An annual cost-free postcard (990-N) for the federal tax requirement and a state form (CT-12) based on total assets for DOJ would need to be sent. If EGC acquires our own 501(c)(3), we could still remain a member of OSFGC if desired. The decision is ultimately up to EGC members, and current bylaws require OSFGC membership. It was determined that there is little value in remaining part of this group. The next payment to OSFGC is due in November 2026.

A motion was passed to direct Janet Magedanz to fill out Form 1123 to begin the process of obtaining a 501(c)(3) for EGC.

Suggested Changes to EGC Bylaws: The board discussed possible changes to the bylaws, which require a vote by the membership. In addition, members must be made aware of proposed changes two weeks prior to their vote. The following changes were proposed: drop OSFGC membership requirement; drop requirement that the head of nominating committee must be a past president of EGC; drop requirement that EGC must have two treasurers and two secretaries; change from 0 to 3 members-at-large to consistently having 3 MALs; give the president the option to appoint an acting treasurer or secretary if needed. Nancy and Anne will work together on necessary bylaw updates and report back to the board. Janet will verify that a president is allowed to appoint an acting treasurer or secretary.

Summer Potluck: Janet has offered her yard for this gathering, which is planned for a Saturday in September, date TBD. Al and Anne will work out the details regarding the type of potluck, etc. More information forthcoming.

Upcoming Programs: Nancy Mandel, program chair, along with committee members Karen Hopson and Barbara Glover have secured speakers for the upcoming term:

October 2026-Business meeting, chair and committee introductions, plant exchange.

November 2026-Nancy Mandel, Introduction to the World of Roses

December 2026-Annual Greens Party

January 2027-Cindy Funes, Container Gardening

February 2027-Joel Karsten, Straw Bale Gardening

March 2027-Signe Danler, Mulches

April 2027-Don Boucher, Gardening for Birds

May 2027-Janet Magedanz, program TBD

The meeting concluded at 3:30pm

Submitted by: Becca Smith, EGC secretary

Financial Access for Evening Garden Club OSCU Account Signatures:

Name: Rebecca D. Smith

Title: Evening Garden Club Secretary

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: Alan Shay

Title: Evening Garden Club President

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: Kathleen Rochester

Title: Evening Garden Club Treasurer

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____