

September 13, 2022
Evergreen Garden Club
General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Janice Theobald at 9:30 in person at the Evergreen Fire Rescue Training Center located at 1802 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen. Board members present were Hannah Hayes, Program Coordinator; Helen McLeman, Treasurer; Sharon Faircloth, Membership Coordinator and Janet Gluskoter, Secretary.

Not in attendance: Julie Ann Courim, Technology Officer.

Assisting as Tech support; Susan Garcia.

Attendance: 19 current members and 7 new members and 3 guests.

President's Report

Janice welcomed everyone to the first EGC meeting after our summer break. She then introduced the board members and asked if we had any new members or guests present. We had a total of 10: Joyce A., Mary B., Judy G., Annie G., Parmalee W., Lin B., Ian E., Jennie A., Pat C. and Laura V.

We thanked and acknowledged the 2022 Garden Tour hosts for opening their beautiful gardens to the public. Janice presented a gift to each host of glass flowers from one of our sponsors, The Evergreen Gallery.

Janice announced a proposal to increase membership dues. This is due to the current economy and the fact that we have not raised fees in some time. Proposed increase would be from \$30 (individual), \$40 (family), \$60 (business); to \$40 / \$50 / \$75, respectively. It was moved by Treasurer, Helen McLeman and seconded by member Donna Moore. We called for a vote and the majority agreed to the increase.

This new fee will go into effect after November 1st.

Volunteers are needed ASAP for the following positions:

Public Garden Coordinator

2024 Garden Tour Coordinator

Welcome Desk

We have also created a new committee; A Helping Hand Outreach

This would be for members only that may need assistance such as meals delivered or a ride to the meeting. A coordinator is needed.

Anyone interested in any of these positions should contact a board member.

It was asked if the club members would be interested in having new t-shirts made? There was a large show of interest. Anyone with design ideas should contact the board.

Janice would like to start a new member coffee event to be held quarterly. The first one will be held in October for all new members that joined from July thru September. Details to follow.

Secretary's Report

The last general meeting minutes dated June 14, were approved by the board and submitted to the Wild Iris for publication.

Treasurer's Report

Helen presented the results from our July Garden Tour.

Total income: \$11,052; expenses: \$1,251; net income: \$9,791.

It's possible this may change as we may receive additional entries.

Time to renew your membership. Helen can accept cash, check or credit card after the meeting.

We do not have the 2022-2023 proposed budget available to present today. However, it will be presented and a vote will be held during our next meeting in October. All members will receive the budget via email for review before the meeting.

A reminder for members to consider using King Soopers and Amazon Smile. We will stop offering the Safeway card as no income has been received in some time.

Program Coordinator

Hannah stated that our summer member garden share program was a success and thanked all of the hosts that participated. She announced that we have eliminated the garden 'work' days (Oct & May) and replaced them with 'demo' days. The first being next month 10/11, covering "obnoxious weeds". Details to follow. If you cannot attend, you can send your photos of weeds to Hannah for advice.

Membership Coordinator

Sharon welcomed all of our new members and guests to today's meeting.

She asked our current members to please review the current directory to ensure your information is correct. Be sure to fill out the membership application form by Oct 20th if anything has changed as this information will appear in the new directory which will be distributed at our November meeting.

Technology Officer's Report

No report

Committee Reports

Hospitality Annell Hoy

Annel passed around a sign in sheet for our October demo meeting. Asking to bring 'finger' foods that would be easy to walk around with.

Guest Speaker

Jessica Moore with Evergreen Fire and Rescue.

Defensible space and home hardening; how to improve your homes chances of surviving a wildfire.

Jess gave an amazing presentation with so much practical information.

Most importantly, know your "ways" out and sign up for emergency alerts.

Go to; www.rotarywildfireready.com for important wildfire resources.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Gluskoter, Secretary
Evergreen Garden Club