

**Evergreen Garden Club
Board Meeting
August 8, 2022**

The meeting was held at Janice's house and was called to order at 10:15am. In attendance were President, Janice Theobald Program Coordinator, Hannah Hayes Treasurer, Helen McLeman Membership Coordinator, Sharon Faircloth and Technology Officer, Julie Ann Courim absent was Secretary, Janet Gluskoter.

Janice started with a welcome and thank you to all the board members.

Treasurer Report Helen McLeman

Total to date for the 2022 Garden Tour is \$9600. Still waiting on \$400 from sponsors to come in and we do not have the total from the plant sale.

We do not have comparison numbers from previous garden tours. We will try to go back to the archive minutes to find details on this.

The 2022-2023 budget will need to be approved at the October General meeting. We will have the garden leads attend September board meeting to discuss their budget needs and get their numbers together.

Helen will be ready for membership dues payments at the September and October meetings using the 'square', which proved to work very well for sales the day of the tour.

Our annual report has been filed with the State.

Membership Coordinator Report Sharon Faircloth

The Board is proposing a membership dues increase to \$40 single, \$50 family, \$75 business to be effective November 1st. Any dues paid before November 1st will be honored at the existing rates of \$30, \$40 and \$50 respectively. In order to be in the directory you must have dues in by October 20th. This will be a FIRM cutoff in order to have time to get the directory printed and distributed at the November 8 General Meeting. We will vote on this at the September meeting. Reason for proposing price increase is value for being a member, 10 fun and educational meetings, and the price we are paying for quality speakers.

Sharon may need help securing the Business memberships for next year before the cut off of October 20th. The Board and General membership will be asked to help at the September meeting.

A suggestion was made to have a sign in sheet at the membership table at our General Meetings. This will give us a better idea of active members.

Also discussed New Member coffee on a quarterly basis. Janice offered to host this along with any other board members that would like to attend. This could be held at one of our community gardens (Hiwan) in the summer months and/or at one of our sponsors locations in the winter months (HearthFire Books and Treats or Java Groove) Helen will add a line item in the budget for this.

Program Coordinator Report Hannah Hayes

Hannah submitted the schedule for the 10 meetings for 2022-2023 calendar. It was decided by the Board to eliminate the Work Day meeting and add a speaker or educational discussion for those days. Typically they are not well attended meetings and the community garden work days take place on various days of the week.

It was decided we will not attend Winterfest or the Rodeo Parade for the upcoming year.

The Board members will each be responsible for an activity or game for the Holiday Party in December.

Technology Officer Report Julie Ann Courim

The website is working great. Some changes will be made to capture more information on new membership payments.

Suggestion was made to include a slide at the General Meeting with our sponsors logos to encourage supporting them by our membership.

Other Topics Discussed:

A Helping Hand

We will propose a new committee and needed chairperson at the September General Meeting

Purpose of the group will be:

- Outreach for garden help

- Carpooling to meetings, garden shares and other

- Meals and other support if needed

T-shirts

Need to come up with a design and Julie Ann has a contact to actually make them. We will ask members for their interest in purchasing a T-shirt at September meeting.

It was discussed and decided to purchase a gift for the Garden Tour Hosts and present it at the September meeting if they are in attendance. All the hosts have been invited to the meeting, and have received complimentary memberships to the club. Janice will purchase the gifts at The Evergreen Gallery (sponsor of the Garden Tour)

We will acknowledge monthly birthdays of our members but no longer sing Happy Birthday.

We agreed on date and time for upcoming Board meetings to be held on the Monday before each General meeting at 10:00 am. The next three Board meetings will be on September 12th, October 10th, and November 7th at 10:00 respectively.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.