

**Evergreen Garden Club
General Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2019**

The meeting was held at Bergen Park Fire Training Center and called to order at 9:40 a.m. by President Carol Herczeg. Board members present were Peggy Bertrand, Helen McLeman, Susan Garcia, Donna Moore and Janice Theobald. Forty-two additional members were in attendance.

Welcoming Committee

Cindy Gibson introduced returning member Kathy Anderson.

President's Report

Carol Herczeg briefly reviewed our mission statement and service projects.

The club sang "Happy Birthday" to the one member born in November.

Carol announced changes to the December Christmas Party. A few of the games will be modified but sure to be fun! Members are asked to wear the favorite Holiday sweater. A contest will be held with various categories to win prizes. The gift exchange will be of "garden related" items under \$10. Repurposed, re-gifted, or new, are all acceptable.

First Vice President's Report

February speaker will be Hannah from Apothecary Tinctura (Denver) on Botanic Bathing.

March speaker will be Leon Campbell from Wind in the Pines on Forrest Therapy.

Second Vice President's Report

Donna reminded everyone to please pay their dues. She is working on the directory and hopes to have it go to printer by the end of the week. Currently we have 55 members and 6 business memberships in good standing.

Treasurer's Report

Helen gave the financial report for the club. Currently, there is \$2,261.97 in our checking account and \$22,369.51 in our saving's account.

Helen reviewed how members can sign up for the King Soopers Community Rewards program on-line. As a reminder, the club receives 5% of the money that we spend on groceries and gas. She also discussed the pre-loaded Safeway cards and Amazon Charitable Contributions can be linked to Evergreen Garden Club (be sure it's our location in Evergreen, CO) through AmazonSmile.

It was suggested to look into Colorado Gives charity program for next year.

Helen also shared a nice thank you note received from EChO for our donation to them.

Secretary's Report

Janice Theobald asked for approval of the October minutes as printed in the Wild Iris. The minutes were approved without additions or corrections.

Technology Officer's Report

Louise Hern was recognized with a gift from the club for her hard work on the Wild Iris publication.

Jefferson County Master Gardeners Calendars are available through Cheri or Cindy or can be ordered online. They are \$15 and the proceeds go to scholarships for area students pursuing education in horticulture.

Hospitality Committee

Our Christmas party is December 10. It will be a full meal with ham, honey smoked salmon etc. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please sign up through Annell. We will plan to eat at 11a.m. on that day.

Natural Resources Committee

Cheri wanted to extend her thanks to all the garden leads and helpers for all their hard work maintaining the public gardens.

Information on wrapping trees for winter can be found on the CSU Extension website. It's time to wrap trees now.

Special recognition was given to long time member Louise Lafon Mounsey. She was recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution. She received a Conservation Medal of Honor for her outstanding achievement for environmental awareness, and a Certificate for her Preservation of Natural Resources of our Country, It's soils, minerals, forests, waters and wildlife.

A 15 minute refreshment break was followed by a presentation by John Putt on Wildfire Mitigation

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Theobald, Secretary
Evergreen Garden Club