

Meeting was called to order by Kevin Immel, Interim President/Chair at 10:00 am

1. Introduction of members and guests present--Membership list passed around to confirm contact information and show attendance.

2. Voting for new officers--On the ballot for President/Chair is Kevin Immel, for Secretary--Mary Murphy. There is currently no candidate for the Treasurer's position. Nancy McAdams encouraged members to step up and be active in the club as Treasurer. Voting slips were collected in a sealed box to be tabulated later.

3. Review of 2021 Projects--

--Enclosures and plot improvements--some donations have been received for materials to be used for enclosures. Most members paid out-of-pocket for their personal plots to be improved. Club funds were used for the development of plots 14 and 15 after the wild garlic onions were eliminated. There were questions on how to have the work done on a plot. The process entailed Kevin Immel and Bill Matthews buying lumber and the member reimbursing them. Then the labor was free. Estimates on costs ranged from \$200 to \$1000, depending on size and amount of materials needed. (Costs have doubled due to inflation and lumber prices.)

--The dog park area is now being called Vista Bella Gardens.

--The nursery has expanded to approx.. 1500 feet with fruit trees being donated. New plants and cuttings have been donated.

--Adopt-a-Spot is starting. If you have an area in your neighborhood that you would like beautified, you can adopt that spot and use plant materials from OGC at no cost. If the area is at your home, you can make donations for the materials.

Herb Garden is in need of TLC. The dirt needs to be dug up and turned, new compost added, and new herbs needed. Members voiced support for it, so requested that it not be changed into something else.

4. Responsibilities as Gardeners

--Reminder to OGC members to do your share. WEEDING is always an issue. Several members voiced their enthusiasm for actually physically doing weed work!!! Kevin adopted an "I'll believe it when I see it" attitude. The alyssium flowers next to the herb garden pavers are to be used for seeding the bare hill area across the street, so don't dig them up. If your neighbor's plot is getting overrun by weeds, please contact them directly. If they aren't able to physically keep up, ask them to reach out for help. Let us know so we can keep the weeds under control. GARBAGE CANS--please take them out to the curb when they are full and bring them back inside the garden area when they are empty. A hand truck was donated to help transport any heavy equipment. The green strips indicate plant material only for those cans, and

the red stripes indicate trash. Please don't mix them up. WATERING is not really an issue since this is the rainy season. If your plot is dormant for the winter, there is mulch you can use to knock down the weeds. STORAGE AREA needs to be straightened up. A lot of these tasks were done quietly in the background by Casey Fitzpatrick, who has moved out of the area. He was a very hard worker and loved doing work around the garden.

#### 5. New Ideas for 2022

Karen Bishop suggested new rules for membership. Anybody can be a member for \$20 without owning a plot. It would be a social membership, and they would be allowed to weed.

Julie Gardner suggested monthly or quarterly weeding parties similar to the weeding party held last summer. Kevin explained that many activities have been curtailed due to COVID and is hoping we can get back to social activities for the club as a whole.

John Moore suggested having an open house for residents to come see the work that has been done at the site.

Fundraisers—sell cuttings, farmer's market was suggested, but the volume of produce would be the issue.

6. Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Diane Harris, Secretary