**Oasis Garden Club Business Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, 8/24/2024 2:00 pm**

**Location:** Craft Room

**Attendees:** 10 voting members; Quorum is 21

Beds: 3, 4, 15, 25,38, 42, 43, 44, 49, 61

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Income:**

Garden Beds Sold: 51 of 61 total beds $2,590.00

Social Members: 27 ($25/household) $ 625.00

Interest Earned 2023 $ 3.06

Fundraising $ 752.00

**Expenses:**

**HOA Water Bills – 11 months**  $1,217.29

 *YTD average water bill 2022 $78/month*

 *YTD average water bill 2024 $110.66*

 *July 2024 water bill $150.08*

Socials (4) $1,389.42

1. Oktoberfest 10/22/2023
2. Luminary Party 12/8/2023
3. National Gardening Day 4/15/2024
4. BBQ & Silent Auction 6/15/2024

 Supplies and Maintenance $529.16

**Bank Balance** 8/15/2023 **$3,005.56**

**Irrigation System Notes:**

* The Oasis Garden Club members pay for the Garden Club irrigation water; this fee is included in our annual dues.
* Water is turned off for beds not sold
* Denise explained the issue(s) with our Irrigation System
	+ Our drip lines are too small in diameter for the hard water used in the garden, and mineral deposits have built up, causing the drip lines to clog.
	+ This was an issue known to Pulte when Landcare installed the original irrigation system.
	+ Solution from Landcare:
		- Add a filter to the main line for our system
		- Replace the drip lines and meter in each bed with larger irrigation tubing and a filter: Cost $75 per bed
		- Denise has repeatedly asked Pulte to replace the inadequate system, and Kim and Kaitlyn, First Residential are trying to help
		- Worst case solution: the club will continue to fundraise until all irrigation systems are replaced.

**Bylaw Updates**

Proposal to Amend DWET Oasis Garden Club's By-Laws and Rules/Regulations documents. Several sections of the documents needed to be revised, most importantly the annual dues schedule, rules regarding bed upkeep, and clarification about prohibited plants. *We ask that everyone vote via this link by noon on Saturday, August 24, 2024:*<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L2H523G>

 Membership Vote:

31 votes were received

 4 No to passing the Bylaws amendments

 27 Yes to pass the Bylaws amendments

 The New Bylaws are in effect

 The Amended ByLaws will be available on our Club Website:

**2024 – 2025 Elections**

Denise asked for volunteers for the 24 - 25 Board.

* A minimum of 3 Board Members are required to continue the Oasis Garden Club

**Volunteers for the 2024 – 2025 Oasis Garden Club Board:** thank you to our volunteers!

**President:** David Jett

**Vice President**: Andy Cooper

**Treasurer:** Paul Gee

**Secretary:** OPEN

**Social Committee Chair:** Jayne Jett, unless another volunteer steps forward

3 social events will be held annually

 Social events will not be held between June 1st and October 1st

The Club owns or members have donated/loaned the following social event requirements: tables and sound system. lights, tablecloths, serving utensils

Suggested Events in addition to the Social Events in the Garden:

 St. Johns River Tour

 Tour of Congaree and Penn

Clay County Strawberry Festival

Trip to County Line Market

Trip to the Riverside Arts Market

**Fundraising Chair:** OPEN

Our goal is to have 2 fundraising events annually, at least until our irrigation system update is complete.

NOTE: We are not a 501(c)(3) charitable organization; we have not filed for a tax exemption status

Board Elections will be held via Survey Monkey.

**Announcements**

* **2024 – 2025 Membership Dues** are due by September 30, 2024
	+ There will be at least 3 raised beds available on Oct 1st
	+ Denise Mast is contacting the names on the Raised Bed Waiting List
	+ The 2024-2025 Rental Agreement Form will be emailed to members ASAP
* **Social Committee**

The Board has been donating the side items and desserts served at our social events; in the future, we will ask Club Members to provide food items.

* + **Brunch in the Garden –** Saturday, October 26, 2024, 10:30 AM
		- Please contact David Jett at dejett1@gmail.com if you are interested in bringing a brunch item
	+ Luminary Party – Saturday, December 21, 2024 6:00 PM
* Tim Lyons has planted the open beds with vegetables that he donates to the local food banks; thank you, Tim!