

Call To Order 1:15, Event Room Hobby Building

Pledge of Allegiance

Bees: A report on the status of the bee hive was made including history, hive maintenance, the hives we are using, Bee health and dangers to the hive, cost of fencing, support costs born by the club apiculturist.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The previous treasurers report was accepted.

Treasurers Report

ECO GARDENERS TREASURY ACCOUNT

1/1/2026

Opening Balance		\$4,726.69
Dues/Deposits collected	\$1,325.00	\$6,051.69
Expenditure - Web Page	\$25.00	\$6,026.69
Deposits Returned-Atkins	\$25.00	\$6,001.69
Reserve for deposits.	\$2,000.00	\$4,001.69

Old Business

Dues: The treasurer reports we have collected dues from all but two active members.

OTOW Meeting on Compliance

A report was given on the status of the two meetings attended by the board with OTOW compliance.

Key Points include:

- OTOW Management was happy with the club managing itself. The subtext was we are expected to actively manage ourselves.
- OTOW will send a representative to view the Garden on a Monthly basis.
- OTOW expressed concerns wrt:
 - sharp edges,
 - esthetics (kind of vague but wood trellises were an issue),
 - height of fencing,
 - lack of standards.

- The Vice President will chair a committee to establish safety and esthetic guidelines. Three members volunteered to serve: Chuck Bonner, Jeff Bell, Leslie Lansing, Anthony DiSerio

Freeze Report

The last freeze caused a break in the main incoming water line. When it was repaired a leak was discovered in one garden. This was repaired by board members; however, it revealed some issues. The garden did not have a gate and the board members working the issue had to take down fencing. One member was cut working with sharp edges on the fencing. It was decided that the board cannot be responsible for repairing leaks in individual gardens. Repairs **may** be made if the pipes are accessible and it can be done safely. If not, the garden will be capped off so the main can be turned on and the member informed.

Remarks

The next meeting will be on March 16th at 1:15 in the Event room of the Hobby building.

Frank Campagna made short presentations on seed starting and starting soil vs potting soil.

Phil Karchesi made short presentations on seed starting methods.

The meeting will be followed by a seed exchange.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11.