

St Charles County Master Gardeners

Steering Committee Minutes

April 12, 2024

Attendees: Joe Walker, Rebecca Poon, Laura Steimel, Catherine Ebone, Marsha Brown, Eli Eisle, Donna Lindsey, and Waneta Parmenter.

Call to Order: Joe Walker—Joe called the meeting to order at 9:03.

Quorum and Attendance: Catherine Ebone verified quorum and attendance.

Secretary's Report: Catherine Ebone—Steering Committee minutes for March 8, 2024, were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon— A motion was made to place in the steering Committee minutes that the internal audit has been completed. The motion passed.

Rebecca reported Quarter 1 figures as follows: Budget \$7,474; Actual expenses \$5,521.24; Remaining \$1,952.76. The year-to-date figures are Budget \$19,777; Expenses \$5,521.24; Remaining Funds \$14,255.76.

At the end of March there was \$5,030 in savings and \$18,547 in checking. Net operating revenue for the month was \$1,885. In The Garden raised \$1,618 and the cool season plant sale brought in \$2,832.

A motion was made and approved to accept the report as submitted.

MU Extension Horticulturalist/Coordinator: Eli Eisle—Two more weeks of core training.

501 (c) (3): Marsha Brown—Donations policy is almost done. Charge card purchases need a second signature.

Membership: Waneta Parmenter, Kevin Lynch—Membership is trying to streamline the process of reporting hours. Three proposals were submitted to the committee. The first proposal would remove unused local projects. The second proposal would remove the list of all offsite gardens with all volunteer's offsite garden activity being entered under the general category of offsite gardens. The third proposal consolidated options down even more to 10 categories. A motion was made and approved to accept proposal 2.

CE/AT: Bonnie Winkler—Five new members have been recruited for the CE/AT committee. A link to the current list is in the Monday Morning News.

Education: Patti Kolek—The In the Garden series is complete. 82 people attended the classes. More classes may be offered in the fall. The Speakers Bureau has not seen a lot of activity. It is being advertised on the MG website and the Gateway Gardener. Efforts are being made to try to get it on the MU website. Notices are also being sent to local garden clubs.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown—Cool Season sale is over. Over \$2,800 was raised. Next up is the Spring plant sale. Help is needed for plant sale.

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel, Nancy Torke—The fan has been fixed in the greenhouse. Laura reports it's running a lot quieter. The belts have been scheduled to be replaced.

Hoophouse: Donna Lindsey—Hoophouse is full. The plastic got a few dimples from the hail.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer—Volunteers are needed for leads. Joe talked to Ameren UE about woodchips. They are waiting for a clean load.

Communication: A couple of MGs have stepped up to take over the Monday Morning news.

Hortline: Patti Kolek—In person Hortline has begun. Hortline training class will be held May 20 at 10 am.

Farmer's Markets: Patti Kolek—MGs will be at the Lake St. Louis Farmers Market for Plant a Seed. There will be a Plant Expo at Weldon Springs on May 18 from 10-3.

St. Charles Farmers market will be manned on the 3rd Saturday from June through September.

New Melle fFarmers Market will be on 1st Saturday.

Upcoming Speakers: Val Mertz

April 24—Jenny Fagan will speak on her favorite herbs

May 23—Bill Rose, Weedman Lawn Service Turf Expert, will speak on turf with emphasis on cool season lawns.

Old Business:

Rebecca Davis is being nominated for MOMGA 2023 MG of the year

Sydney Turner said T-shirts can be picked up April 19th.

A coordinator is still needed for the Speaker's Bureau.

Team building is in process for the Communication committee, the CE/At committee and the Membership committee.

A motion was made and approved to reimburse Melanie Elick up to \$191.88 for a QR code subscription subject to her trying to cancel service. Joe will contact Melanie.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07.

Respectively submitted,

Catherine Ebone

