

St Charles County Master Gardener

Monthly Meeting Minutes (Final)

Thursday, 25 February 2021

If you have any questions, comments, or corrections before these minutes are approved please contact your MG Secretary Rebekah Davis at rdbirds19@yahoo.com

This meeting was held virtually on Zoom.

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Attendance: 63

Speaker: Wayne Kinney of Midwest Streams
Topic "Stream Stabilization Strategies"

Secretary's Report: Rebekah Davis- Monthly meeting minutes for 28 January 2021 were approved as written. Rebekah commented that approved minutes are available for viewing on the St Charles MG website.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon- The financial report for end of January 2021 was provided. Net monthly change and cash in bank was identified. Revenue and Expense totals with Net Income for 2021 were shown.

MU Horticulturalist: Justin Keay- Nothing to report

Committee Reports-

Education: Jan Carron- The Education Committee met and accepted a mission statement, next meeting will include discussing goals.

Dig-In Update: Jan reported that the Dig-In is this Saturday (27 February) with 150 registered participants. Registrants will receive access to recordings of all the classes ten days after the event and will be able to view those recordings the following thirty days. Each class is one hour of CE (Continuing Education) credit for a total of nine hours for this event.

(New) Video Media Subcommittee: Zack Blair-

Zack reported on the new subcommittee of the Education Committee. This Committee has met twice since its formation in January. Their current focus is identifying relevant content to feature on our MG YouTube channel. Meeting minutes are posted on the MG website.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown and Libby Wilson-

Marsha Brown reported seeding is nearly finished- tomatoes and peppers are next. Cool season plant sale will allow early ordering and pickup for Master Gardeners. The ordering process is similar to last year, keep an eye out in the next few Monday Newsletters for ordering and pickup information.

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel and Nancy Torke-

Greenhouse training has begun, Laura Steimel reports that watering crews are scheduled and will pick up activity as weather warms. No one is allowed in Greenhouse without prior scheduling. Contact Laura if you are interested in assisting with watering crews.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer-

Cindy Platzer provided an overview on last-year's Demo Gardens trials and accomplishments. The first Leads meeting of the year is scheduled for 5 March. Cindy intends to communicate with new Trainees and Interns in order to involve them with the various Demo Gardens of their choosing. COVID restrictions are still in effect: The Extension building is closed, masks are to be worn at all times, and there is a 10-person limit to working in the gardens at a time. All work in the Demo Gardens must first be scheduled through Cindy.

Communication: Mary Medina-

Mary Medina reported to keep an eye out for the Monday Newsletter which is usually sent out each Monday at 5:00 AM. Our newsletter serves as the chapter's main source of information dispersal. Plant Sale preordering opportunities, AT (Advanced Training) Opportunities, monthly quizzes, Meeting notices, Minutes and much, much more are available each week.

Website: Mary Carey- Looking for a webmaster trainee/co-lead

The St Charles County Master Gardener website has been updated. Check the website for new updates and approved Meeting Minutes. Laura Steimel mentioned a new member (Coleen Merz) to the group who utilizes Facebook for a living that may be able to assist with our social media.

Membership: Waneta Parmenter and Bonnie Winkeler-

Waneta Parmenter reminded the group that the Membership Database is still down and to keep track of your volunteer hours at home, you will be notified once the online reporting system is running again.

Bonnie Winkeler reported on upcoming Continuing Education and Advanced Training (CE and AT) opportunities. AT links in Monday Newsletter, such as Healthy Yards for Clear Streams.

Speakers Bureau: Valerie Mertz-

March MG will feature two guest speakers: Dr. Jennie Atkins, Univ Of Ill Champaign Urbana "What are Growing Degree Days and how do they help gardeners?" and Charlotte Wiggins Beekeeper/Gardener/Author will talk about the application to gardening. The presentation has been qualified for Advanced Training (AT) credit.

Hort Line: Patti Kolek-

HL support continues. No new HL training opportunities yet

New Business:

Joe Walker- Missouri Master Gardeners Association (MOMGA) was discussed, members should receive their monthly newsletters, and additional information can be found on the MOMGA website.

Boys and Girls Club Summer Program: Calling for Volunteers, contact Joe Walker if interested in helping.

Terri Scheer- Saint Charles Historic Gardens: See Volunteer opportunities In the Monday Newsletter for more information.

Old Business:

Interim Master Gardener Directory of members can be found in the Monday newsletter.

Good of the order: Joe Walker welcomed new member Pam Maddox to the group.

Mary Carey mentioned the chapter is approaching our 30th anniversary and would like a good writer to assist with a possible project in relation to the milestone.

Thank you to this month's facilitators: Zoom Co-hosts Jan Carron and Rebekah Davis

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebekah Davis