

St. Charles County Master Gardeners

General Monthly Meeting Minutes

Aug. 22, 2024

If you have any questions, comments or corrections before these minutes are approved, please contact your MG secretary, Catherine Ebone at catherine.ebone@gmail.com.

Carrie Coyne, Program Facilitator St. Louis Community College gave a zoom presentation on “STLCC: Growing the Horticulture Industry Workforce.”

Committee members were asked to keep their presentations to five minutes.

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Secretary’s Report: Catherine Ebone—A motion was made and approved to accept the July 26, 2024 as submitted.

Treasurer’s Report: Rebecca Poon—Rebecca reported expenditures and revenue for the month of July. A motion was made and approved to accept the report as submitted.

Extension MG Program coordinator: Eli Eisle—There will be another in-person Core Training class in the Spring of 2025 for potential new Master Gardeners.

Membership: Waneta Parmenter, Kevin Lynch, Bonnie Winkeler—Any questions about how to correctly report hours should be directed to membership. Members are asked to use Kevin’s new email, kevinannelynch@gmail.com.

CE/AT: Bonnie Winkeler—Progress is being made on defining CE/AT hour guidelines.

Education: Patti Kolek—Public education classes “In the Garden” are being planned again for next year. Dawn Tucker is proposing a book club on horticultural, botanical topics.

Upcoming Speakers: Val Mertz--

Sept.26--Amy Templer, ISA board certified arborist, will speak on “Erosion and Sedimentation at Construction Sites and Homes>”

Plant Sale: Seeding and transplanting dates are set. Seed orders are being prepared. Plant sale committee has a meeting Sept. 5th from 6-8 pm.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer—From the Garden Up beds will be on display before next meeting.

Monarch waystation needs help.

Monarch tagging planned. Sign-up on Sign-Up Genius.

Phebe Martin is planning a cooking class on okra.

Jim Stellern and Karen Graves are taking over the arboretum. They are looking for MGs to adopt beds.

Annual beds need help.

Two building projects planned—border in cottage garden and bridge between native and perennial garden needs to be rebuilt.

Hortline: Patti Kolek—Hortline is going well. Questions are mostly on trees, grasses and tomatoes.

Farmers Markets: Patti Kolek—Farmers markets are a little slower.

New Business: Celebration of Life for Marsha will be Sept. 14.

Number of positions are up for election. President and Secretary positions are up for election. Laura Steimel would like to step down as vice president.

Boys and Girls Club has wrapped up for the year. Thanks to Tom Conley, Laura Steimel, Susan Ascher and Joe Walker for helping with this project. More volunteers are needed for next year.

An Extension Expo will be held on Oct. 10 from noon to 7 pm.

Patti Kolek presented a brick in memory of Venita Walker to be put in the garden.

Kevin Minard reported that the doors to the Extension shed have been repaired.

The next Steering Committee will be held Sept. 12.

The next General MG meeting will be Sept. 27.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Catherine Ebone