

**St Charles Master Gardener**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

**March 23, 2023**

**If you have any questions, comments or corrections before these minutes are approved, please email your MG secretary, Catherine Ebone at [catherine.ebone@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.ebone@gmail.com).**

Rodney Dever of Paterson Pawpaws presented a zoom talk on Pawpaws, Missouri's state fruit.

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

Secretary's Report: Catherine Ebone—February 23, 2023, general meeting minutes were approved as submitted. 30 people attended in person with an additional 20 online.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon—The financial report for February 2023 was given. Funds remaining at the end of February were given. Rebecca also stated that checks for Speaker's Bureau engagements need to be made out to St Charles County Master Gardeners. She also stated that requests for reimbursements need to have original receipts stapled to the reimbursement form. She reported that the 990N form has been filed and is not due again until next year. We have also been approved for tax exemption for both sales and purchases.

Membership Committee: Sydney Turner, Waneta Parmenter, Bonnie Winkeler—Sydney stated that if transfers are certified in their current chapter, then they are certified here. Can you volunteer here? It's up to your home chapter. For certification in our chapter, you need 6 education hours and 20 volunteer hours—five of which must be in the demo garden.

Plant Sale: Marsha Bown, Catherine Ebone—Marsha reported sales from our successful cool season sale. She reported The Clover Flex worked well. April 21 will be the workday for the MG plant sale with sales on April 22. Tomato seeding will take place on Wednesday.

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel, Nancy Torke—The new fans have been installed in the greenhouse. Bugs have not been a big problem this year so far. Evening watering will begin the first week of April.

Hoophouse: Donna Lindsey—Perennials will go outside in 2-3 weeks with annuals going in the hoophouse.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer—Work sessions will start this Saturday and will be on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 am to noon.

An apprentice in training for the pantry garden has been found. A turf lead is needed.

Education: Patti Kolek—Farmers Markets are coming up. The Speaker's Bureau is now on our website. There will be no Dig-In this year, but a series of classes will be offered in January, February and March. A coordinator is needed. Hortline training will be held May 9.

Guest Speakers: Val Mertz—Leslie Bertsch will speak April 27 on Safe Handling procedures from counter to storage.

In May a field trip to Maryland Heights new facility is planned.

T-shirts: Sydney Turner—Last day to order t-shirts is April 4.

Next steering committee meeting is April 14

Next general meeting is April 27.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25

Respectively submitted

Catherine Ebone