

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

**April 27, 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).**

Leslie Bertsch spoke via zoom on Safely Handling Produce from Garden to Counter to Storage,

Call to Order: Laura Steimel called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Catherine Ebone—March 23, 2023 general meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon—The financial report for March 2023 was given. Rebecca reported that revenue was a little more and expenses a little less than last year. Checking and saving account balances were given.

Membership Committee: Sydney Turner, Wanetta Parmenter, Bonnie Winkler—Laura thanked Sydney for getting T-shirts.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown, Catherine Ebone—Catherine thanked everyone who helped make the MG plant sale a success. Funds raised were a little more than last year. Catherine also outlined details for the Public Plant Sale to be held April 29-30. MGs can shop Friday night 5-7 for their veggies and anything they forgot from the previous sale.

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel, Nancy Torke—Laura announced that pots and trays need to be cleaned. MGs can earn volunteer hours for clean-up. Laura thanked waterers

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer—Cindy announced that we traded zinnias and marigolds to the parks department in exchange for leaf mulch. She also stated that the steering committee has nominated the Native Habitat Garden as MG Garden of the year and Donna Lindsey as MG of the year. Cindy thanked the leads for cleaning up the demo gardens. She also mentioned that hand mowers are needed.

Education: Patti Kolek—Patti announced that the Hortline is getting busy. There will be a training class May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am for Hortline training.

Farmers Market: Patti Kolek—Patti announced that the Farmers Market in New Melle is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month and the St. Charles Farmers Market is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.

Nature Field Trip: Maureen Walmsley gave details about The Parie Fork field trip on June 3<sup>rd</sup> (rain date—June 10<sup>th</sup>). To sign up contact Maureen.

Speakers Bureau: Val Mertz

May 25—Show and Tell by Garden Leads

June is open

July-- Seed St Louis

August—Field Trip to Maryland Heights Nature Center

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectively Submitted