

St. Charles Master Gardeners
Monthly Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

22-June-2023

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.

Aimee Dunlap, Associate Professor, University of Missouri-St Louis spoke on How Bees Decide. The presentation was in person, but a zoom link was provided

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 7:40.

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

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon gave expenses and cash on hand for May. She outlined expenses for propane, the cooking in the garden class and leaf mulch. The report was approved as submitted.

Membership Committee: The membership committee was thanked for all they do. Membership Awards were given to Peggy Hammond, Beka Davis, Mark Krebs and Jill Zupec.

If you have any questions about membership contact Sydney Turner, or Waneta Parmenter. AT questions should be directed to Bonnie Winkler.

Members were reminded of the Cover Crops presentation by Justin Keay on Tuesday. Registration is required and the class is eligible for AT.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown, Catherine Ebone—Plant sale seeding dates have been scheduled. Seeds are starting to be ordered.

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel, Nancy Torke—New fans will go up in September

Hoophouse: Donna Lindsey—Noting new until the Dig and Divide in the fall.

Education Committee: Patti Kolek—Amanda Templer has been added as a new speaker to the Speaker's Bureau. Her topic is Trees in the Urban Environment.

Volunteers are needed for the Farmers Market in New Melle and St. Charles.

Hortline: Patti Kolek—Hortline has been busy. Several new volunteers are mentoring.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer—Cindy reported 99 people participated in the garden tours. Plans are in the works for more tours in the fall. Recognition bricks will be installed in the enabling garden in the fall. A PawPaw tree was dedicated to Faye Aubuchon for her work with the Extension. Cindy announced a new program, From the Ground Up, to design new foundations gardens. In this program trainees and MGs will assess plants, choose a garden theme, research plants, map out a garden plan taking is safety requirements and budgeting.

Upcoming Speakers: Val Mertz—Watch the MMnews for speakers.

New Business:

Monarch Madness will be held in the fall at Weldon Springs.

A MOMGA mini conference will be held in Jefferson City in the fall.

The 2024 MOMGA conference will be held in St. Joe.

The 2026 conference will be held on the Eastern side of the state with a location still to be determined.

Good of the Order: Nancy Torke asked members to save mesh bags for the bulb garden. They can be put in the greenhouse.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42.

Respectively submitted,

Catherine Ebone