

Saint Charles Master Gardeners

Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 25, 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.

Jenny Fagan, longtime member of the Webster Groves Herb Society, spoke on her favorite herbs.

The meeting was an in-person event with a zoom link provided

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

Joe mentioned that the core training class had its last meeting today.

Secretary's Report: Catherine Ebone—The secretary's report for March 28, 2024, was approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon—Rebecca reported that the beginning balance for March was \$15,638 with \$3,368 in total monthly revenue. Total expenses for the month were \$1,503 leaving an ending balance of \$17,502. She reported that the “In the Garden” program raised \$1,618 with the Cool Season Plant Sale bringing in \$2,837.

A motion was made and approved to accept the report as submitted.

501(c)(3): Marsha Brown—There was nothing to report.

Membership: Waneta Parmenter—Waneta was awarded her emeritus badge. Wanetta stated that changes are being made to the way volunteers report their hours. Instead of having many offsite gardens listed, hours will be reported in a single category with the name of the garden listed in the description.

Kevin Lynch has agreed to serve on the committee.

Sydney Turner is stepping down and was thanked for her work on the membership committee. Sydney was on the team for three years.

Certificates and badges were also presented.

CE/AT: Bonnie Winkeler—Bonnie is working on a new CE/AT list.

Education: Patti Kolek—Hortline Training was scheduled to be held May 20. Patti asked for volunteers to work the farmers markets in St. Charles and New Melle.

The Plant a Seed project drew 100 children and 160 adults.

Upcoming Speakers: Val Mertz--

May 23: Bill Rose will talk about turf grasses with an emphasis on cool season lawns.

June 27: Ron Darling will speak on bluebirds.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown—Setup for the Plant sale is tomorrow. Rain is in the forecast so MGs helping with the setup were advised to bring raincoats and a change of clothes in case we have a deluge. MGs can purchase plants from 5-7 on Friday.

For Saturday's public sale, volunteers will have to park at Brown Road Park. A shuttle will take volunteers to the Extension. The last shuttle will run at 8:10 am.

Tomatoes and peppers along with annuals will be in C room. Herbs and perennials will be outside.

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel, Nancy Torke—Laura thanked the watering crew for all their hard work.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer—Cindy reported that Garden Tours will start in May.

Good of the Order:

T-shirts can no longer be ordered. Sales may reopen in the fall with sweatshirts and vests available for purchase.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectively submitted,

Catherine Ebone