

**St Charles Master Gardeners**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes (Final)**

**February 23, 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](mailto:catherine.ebone@gmail.com)**

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was a hybrid meeting.

Mike Hoyle of MO Wildflower Nursery spoke on saving and growing native seed.

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

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon—The financial report for January 2023 was given. Funds remaining at the end of January were given. The new reporting system was explained.

Membership Committee: Sydney Turner, Waneta Parmenter and Bonnie Winkeler—Members were reminded to start earning their hours for 2023. Joe thanked Sydney, Waneta and Bonnie for all their hard work.

Donna Lindsey was awarded her Advanced Emeritus Badge. Leslie Limberg, Mary Carey, Robin Philla, Valerie Bodkin and David Wilson were presented with their emeritus badges.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown, Catherine Ebone—Marsha announced there is a seeding party on March 8. A contact list for the cool season sale is being assembled. No signups are necessary for the cool season however signups will be required for the Spring sale.

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel, Nancy Torke—Greenhouse is getting pretty full. Currently there is a daytime watering crew, and an evening watering crew will be starting in mid-March. Volunteers are needed for both.

Hoophouse: Donna Lindsey—Waterers for the hoophouse are not needed yet. Donna said there are still some beds in the propagation garden that need adopting.

Demo Garden: Cindy Platzer—Jen, our new MG transfer from Mississippi, has agreed to be Pantry lead apprentice. Cindy reported that all beds have a lead.

There will be a leads meeting March 11.

Cindy is still in need of a turf lead.

Education: Patti Kolek—Patti stated there is now a speaker's bureau tab on the MG website which includes topics that are available and an application page. A lead is still needed for the speaker's bureau.

Farmer's Market: Patti Kolek—Farmer's Markets start up in May.

Hortline: Patti Kolek—Hotline training will be May 9<sup>th</sup>. Hortline's in-office presence will start the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in March.

Guest Speakers: Val Mertz

March 23—Roger Dever, Petersons Paw paws, will do a zoom presentation on paw paws.

April 27—Matt Schindler, CEO Seed St. Louis, will speak on empowering communities to grow their own food.

501 (C) (3): Marsha Brown announced that we are no longer selling soil, pot or supplies. For MGs looking for Promix, Ace Hardware sells it online.

T-shirts: Sydney Turner—A link to order T-shirts will be in the Monday Morning News. 5 options are available in 2 colors. The deadline for placing orders is April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Next Steering Committee is March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Next general meeting is March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Ebone