

**St. Charles County Master Gardeners**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

**January 26 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. This was our annual organizational meeting.

Attendance: This was a hybrid meeting with 31 attending in person and 14 online.

This was our annual organizational meeting with no speaker scheduled.

New officers were announced. Joe Walker is president, Laura Steimel is vice president, Rebecca Poon is treasurer and Catherine Ebone is secretary.

Secretary's Report: Catherine Ebone--Monthly meeting minutes for October 22, 2022 were approved as written

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon—The financial report for December 2022 was given. Rebecca reported that because of the move to Quick Books Online and the 501 (C) 3 the year ended early. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. It was approved.

New measures for reimbursements were outlined. There are two boxes in the greenhouse—the pink one is for expenditures to be approved; the orange one is for requests that have been approved. Rebecca will pick up the approved forms between the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup> and mail checks once a month.

501 (C) 3: Marsha Brown reported that the 501 (C) 3 is official. The last step is to get tax exemption for resale and purchases.

Membership: Waneta Parmenter, Bonnie Winkeler and Sydney Turner—Sydney announced that 12,230.10 volunteer hours and 1989.90 education hours were recorded for the year for a total of 14225 hours for 2022, We have a total of 37 emertis members, 4 emertis advanced members; 2 advanced members, 80 active members and 22 interns.

Three members—Maureen Wamsley, Robin Pilla and David Wilson received their emeritus badges. Maureen received an advanced emeritus badge.

Five members earned their 1,000 hour bricks—Catherine Ebone, Rebecca Poon, Tom Conley, Leslie Mitchell and Maureen Wamsley.

Service hour pins were presented for volunteer hours for hours in excess of 1,000 down to 25. Fall interns were announced.

Paul Hendricks Award—Val Mertz presented the Paul Hendricks Award to Rebecca Poon. The award is presented to an MG that has demonstrated a devotion to service, education and leadership. The

recipient is selected by previous award winners. It was named for Paul Hendrix who was instrumental in getting the gardens established in 2006. Prior to 2006 the gardens were a soybean research field.

Education: Pati Kolek—Patti reported that speakers have been scheduled for garden clubs. Donna Lindsey has already presented one on milk jug seeding. So far 11 speakers have been scheduled along with one tour. Anyone interested in becoming a speaker should contact Terry Scheer. More speakers are needed.

Speakers: Val Mertz—Upcoming speakers

February—Mike Hoyle. Missouri Wildflowers, will speak on saving and growing native seed.

March—Rodney Dever, Petersons PawPaws. This will be a zoom presentation,

April—Matt Schindler, CEO of Seed St. Louis, will be speaking on Empowering Communities to grow their own food.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown, Catherine Ebone—Marsha announced there will be a seeding party on Feb. 11. We will be focusing on educating MGs on proper seeding, transplanting, and watering techniques. There will be pansies to transplant as well as seeding to be done. The next seeding party will be Feb. 22.

Hoophouse: Donna Lindsey—Donna announced that a separate group of waterers will be needed for the hoophouse beginning in March. Donna is also looking for MGs to adopt a bed in the propagation garden. Milk jug seedlings will need to be transplanted in the gardens starting in May

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel, Nancy Torke—Waterers will be needed for the Greenhouse starting Feb.11. Training will be given on proper watering techniques and maintaining plants in the greenhouse.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer—Cindy stated that a pantry lead is still needed. For the time being a management team will head of the pantry garden. The team is looking for individuals to adopt a bed. All beds will be planted March 15 with spring crops. Summer crop planting dates have not been set. A turf lead is also needed.

Hortline: Patti Kolek—Patti Kolek announced that a Hortline training will be held May 9. Hortline will start being on-site at the Extension the third week of March.

T-shirts: Sydney Turner—New t-shirts will be able to be ordered at the seeding party Feb. 11. Short sleeve shirts are \$14 and long sleeve shirts are \$20. Shirts have to be paid for in advance. The goal is to have them before the plant sale.

It was announced that several MGs are running for Extension Council. To vote go to The St. Charles County Extension center's website by Jan 31. There is a link in MM News.

The Steering Committee meeting will be held Feb.10. The next general MG meeting will be Feb. 23.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectively submitted

Catherine Ebone