

St Charles County Master Gardener
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

13 May 2022

Attendees: Joe Walker, Laura Steimel, Catherine Ebone, Jan Carron, Cindy Platzer, Marsha Brown

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 9:05am

Secretary's Report: Catherine Ebone

Steering Committee meeting minutes for 8 April 2022 were approved as written. Catherine confirmed quorum.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon-

No financial report due to computer upgrades

MU Horticulturalist Specialist: Debi Kelly

Debi is on vacation. Joe Walker noted that the University has been updating software that has been causing some problems with Quicken reports and using laptops for PPT, Excel and Word processing. Brenda is working with IT support in Columbia to upgrade to full access.

Committee Reports-

Membership: Waneta Parmenter, Bonnie Winkeler-

Four MGs have requested emeritus status. Membership has confirmed that Valerie Botkin, Sharon Given and Bonnie Winkeler have met the qualifications for emeritus status. The board approved their requests. Lori Lass was short 2 hours of volunteer work this year and was approved on the contingency that she complete those hours.

CE & AT: Bonnie Winkeler-

Updated AT list has been sent to Mary Medina for the Monday Morning News.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown, Libby Wilson-

Marsha Brown said that aftermath meetings on the plant sale are being held next week. The committee is also looking into opening up more slots for Plant sale signups. She noted that prices are going up for pots and other supplies and that ordering will begin in June.

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel, Nancy Torke-

Laura requested that 2 representatives be sent to the 3-day Hummerts Greenhouse Short Course in July at a cost of \$350 per person. A motion was made and approved to send two greenhouse people to Hummert's Greenhouse Short Class for a total of \$700

She also stated Greenhouse cleanup is progressing with only one table of flats left to be cleaned. Tables will be disinfected in October.

The greenhouse has been measured for plastic replacement. Exhaust fans are still on and the propane has been shut off.

Hoophouse: Donna Lindsey

Remaining perennials from plant sale are being planted in beds. It was suggested that allocations for Hoophouse maintenance be revisited as prices have increased.

Communication: Mary Medina, Mary Carey-

The board voted to renew the zoom account at a cost not to exceed \$150. If renewed by May 18th there is a 20% discount. Videos are being sought for the replacement YouTube channel. There was a question of the legality of reposting videos.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer, Marsha Brown-

The Native tour has 7 people signed up so far. Del has a tour on Saturday. A MG cooking class is planned for the end of the month. Garden maps and a guest book are available at the welcome sign. Quarterly leads meeting will be June 11.

Speakers: Val Mertz-

May's meeting will be a field trip to Frisellas in Defiance on April 24. It will start at 5:30.

After Frisella's a new start time of 6:30 was approved for meetings and snacks have been approved.

June 23: Emma Klues, Vice President of Communication and Outreach/Great Rivers Greenway will speak.

July 28: Todd Higgins will be back to talk about Cover Crops in Gardens.

August 25: Open

September 22: Still being negotiated

October 27: Bob Richardson "The Bug Guy" He is an Entomologist and national award winning photographer of bugs in the garden.

Hort Line: Patti Kolek-

HL training took place on May 10 with 8 MGs attending. Two have signed up with a mentor so far.

Education: Jan Carron-

The future look of the education committee was discussed. A model with a chair, co-chair and four members was brought up with the dig-in being one thing and everything else another with the two groups getting together once a month.

Old Business:

501(c)(3) committee is working on bylaws revision and policies are being discussed and issues resolved.

St. Charles Historic Garden is being restructured.

Farmers markets are going well.

Next meeting June 10

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Ebone