

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

8 April 2022

Attendees:, Laura Steimel, Catherine Ebone, Rebecca Poon, Cindy Platzer, Marsha Brown, Jan Carron.

Call to Order: Laura Stiemel called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Laura ran the meeting in Joe Walker's absence.

Catherine Ebone confirmed Quorum.

Secretary's Report:Catherine Ebone- Steering Committee meeting minutes for 11 March 2022 were approved .

Treasurer's Report:Rebecca Poon- Rebecca reported the net monthly change for March. End of March 2022 cash in the bank was identified. Unallocated dollars were shown. Revenue, expenses and net income were shown. Rebecca will look into a discrepancy over spring plant sale income.

Nominations for MOMGA awards were discussed. Cindy Platzer announced that Marsha Brown was our nominee for Master Gardener of the year.

MU Horticulturalist Specialist/Coordinator: Debi Kelly - Nothing new reported.

Committee Reports-

Membership:Waneta Parmenter, Bonnie Winkeler, SydneyTurner-Tom Nagle and Peggy Hammond have been presented their badges. Peggy's certificate has been printed and presented to her. Pins and bricks are ready to be presented. Level 1 class is wrapping up

CE & AT:Bonnie Winkeler- No new information.

Plant Sale:Marsha Brown, Libby Wilson- Web flyers were approved but have not been sent out. It was suggested that because of staff shortages we need to minimize demands on the extension staff. Plans were made to handle printing and laminating needs for the garden. Plant sale info put on Facebook.

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel, Nancy Torke-Laura stated that measurements for replacement plastic will be done after the plant sale.
Issues over watering are being worked out.

Communication:Mary Medina, Mary Carey- MM news articles need to be sent directly to Mary Medina because Joe Walker is out of time. Jan Carron is requesting videos for the new YouTube channel.

Demo Gardens:Cindy Platzer, Marsha Brown-Cindy announced girl scouts will be touring next week. Library tours will be advertised on Facebook post not on the libraries main page. Gardens are being cleaned up.

Speakers:Val Mertz-April Speaker will be Donna Toblin from Sts. Joachim and Anne Food Pantry. It will be at 5:30 in C room. May will be a trip to Fisella's Nursery in Defiance at 5 p.m . Clarification is needed on whether we will get a tour or we need a speaker. Gateway Greenway will be the June topic at 6:30 p.m. Location will be determined. Todd Higgins will be the speaker for the July meeting.

HortLine:Patti Kolek-- HortLine training is May 10 from 10-12. Hortline is slow right now as expected.

Education:Jan Carron-There is no education committee at this point. Possible replacements were discussed.

Old Business

Marsha Brown reported that there is nothing new on the 501(c)(3).

St. Charles Historic Gardens: Things are going well

Farmers Market-Patti Kolek-Patti has volunteers lined up for the Farmers Markets.

Joe Solt has been initially contacted about t-shirts. Laura will contact Mary Medina to follow up. It was tabled for next meeting.

Laura Steimel volunteered to take care of the lights temporarily to help the council while short staffed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:06

Next meeting will be May 13, 2022

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Ebone