

Saint Charles Master Gardeners
General Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 26, 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

Chuck Baur was our guest speaker. He spoke on the topic “All about pH.”

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

Joe announced that there is a free Urban Beekeeping Class August 1 at UMSL. The class does not count as Master Gardener Continuing Education.

Secretary’s Report: Catherine Ebone—A motion was made and approved to accept the July 25,2024 as submitted.

Treasurer’s Report: Rebecca Poon—There was no treasurer’s report because Rebecca was out of town. The bottom line at the end of June was \$39,454.

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

Membership: Waneta Parmenter, Kevin Lynch—Kevin said of the 26 in-person class participants 13 have already been certified and 8 have accepted leadership roles.

CE/AT: Bonnie Winkeler, Beka Davis, Jim Stellern, Maureen Wamsley—The group is meeting once a month with Patti Kolek as mentor. CE has been mapped out and they are working on AT.

Education: Patti Kolek—Patti stated that they are getting signups for the Speakers Bureau. Monarch Madness will be Sept. 14 from 10-3 at Weldon Springs. Volunteers are needed to work the booth.

Hortline: Patti Kolek-- Hortline is getting walk-ins, voice mails and emails. Some days are busier than others, she said.

Guest Speakers: Val Mertz

Aug 22—Zoom presentation by Carrie Coyne, Program Facilitator St. Louis Community College. She will speak on” STLCC: Growing the Horticulture Industry Workforce.”

Sept.26--Amanda Templer. ISA Board Certified Master Arborist, will speak on “Erosion and Sedimentation at Construction Sites and Homes.”

Plant Sale Committee: Donna Lindsey, Catherine Ebone, Cindy Heider—Over 7,000 plant units {6 pks, 4 pks count as one unit} were sold at last year's plant sales. An initial meeting with plant sale leads was held with 18 attending. Another meeting is scheduled Sept. 4.

Seeding party dates have been set and rooms reserved. Plant sale dates have been set.

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel, Nancy Torke—Laura said that they are looking into the cost of covering the gravel in the greenhouse. The greenhouse will be cleaned in October.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer—Cindy announced that Karen Graves and Jim Stellern agreed to be Arboretum leads.

Phebe Martin announced that 472 pounds of food has been donated to J & A from the Pantry Garden. Master Gardeners also donated produce from their home gardens.

An Eat What You Grow cooking class will be held Aug. 14.

The Pantry Garden is looking for straw bales for the fall.

Old Business:

The Missouri Master Gardener Conference will be held in St. Joseph, MO, Sept 27-29. You don't have to be a Master Gardener to attend,

New Business:

A Celebration of Life for Marsha Brown will be held Sept. 14 at Extension Center. Hours will be 12-2 for family and 2-4 for Master Gardeners It's going to be a picnic potluck. A sign up for food will be on Sign up Genius.

The next Steering Committee will be Aug. 9

The next General meeting will be held Aug 22.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14.

Respectively submitted,

Catherine Ebone

MG Secretary