

St Charles County Master Gardener

Monthly Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

27 January 2022

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 Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 5:28 pm

Attendance: 30 in person; 35 zoom

Organizational meeting no speaker New steering committee was introduced

Secretary's Report: Rebekah Davis- Monthly meeting minutes for 28 August 2021 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon- The financial report for the end of December 2021 was provided. Net monthly change and cash in the bank was identified. Revenue and Expense totals with Net Income for 2021 were shown.

Valerie Mertz announced the Paul Henricks Award winners: Rebekah Davis and Laura Steimel.

Committee Reports-

Membership: Waneta Parmenter and Bonnie Winkeler-

Wannetta Parmenter announced that 111 members reported hours for a total of 11,173 volunteer hours and 1743 education hours. Four members logged over 1,000 cumulative hours and will have bricks engraved with their names. Four other members achieved additional 1,000 hours and will receive pins as they have already received bricks. 22 members logged 50 hours; 19: 100 hours; 10: 200; 5: 300; 2: 400; 1: 500 and 2:750. Pins will be presented in the spring at an outdoor meeting.

Wannetta encouraged members to report hours timely and reminded members that hours can be reported by project. Wannetta has been doing membership since 2014 and is looking to turn over membership to someone new, possibly a team.

New master gardeners

Roger Davis, Christina Dinkela, Theresa Goldkamp, Catherine Jones, Amy Kreiling, Colleen Merz, Shelby Miller and Lauren Rohbrade

Education: Jan Carron-

The Dig-In is Feb 26. The cost is \$15 before Feb.11 ;\$20 after that. New education committee chair and zoom host are needed as Jan will be leaving mid summer

Speakers Bureau: Valerie Mertz-

Amy Nau from Pearce Hall school in Wentzville will be our February speaker. She will be speaking on

Horticulture Therapy. Amy was involved with MG at her previous job in Louisiana. Tom Higgins from St Charles Community College will be speaking in March and July on No Till Gardening and Cover Crops.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown and Libby Wilson-

Marsha announced broccoli and cabbages will be seeded at the seeding party on February 9 at 10 am. She reported the January seeding party had a good turnout. There will be more seeding parties in February and March. MGs who have seeded before can pick up supplies and seed at home. The MG cool season sale will be in person and MGs will test a program called Signupgenius to schedule shopping times.

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel and Nancy Torke-

Laura Steimel will open the greenhouse on Feb. 7. Laura reported that watering crews will begin February 28 with a night shift being added in mid April. If you want to volunteer contact Laura. There will be a training session. These are demo garden hours.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer-

Marsha Brown talked on Cindy's behalf. A garden cleanup will be scheduled for March. Tours need to be planned in advance because use of the building may make parking scarce. Workdays will remain on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 9 am. Interested MGs can show up and get assignments from garden leads on these days..

Hort Line: Patti Kolek-

Patti Kolek reported 346 contacts on the hotline this year. Farmers Market will be at Foundry again this year. She is investigating Lake St. Louis and New Melle farmers markets. She is looking at having a hotline training class this year.

New Business: Joe Walker said the SC sometimes gets requests for speakers. St Charles does not have a speakers bureau. However if we get requests we will refer them to St. Louis MG, who do have a speaker's bureau, or put it out to membership to see if anyone is interested

Good of the Order:

Thank you to this month's facilitators:

Joe Walker reminded members that the February 24 meeting will again be at the library. It will also be a hybrid meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Ebone