

Saint Charles Master Gardener

Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 22, 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.

Kent Brown of Show Me HH Farms talked informally about his family's history of producing sunflower oil in Hannibal, MO. Questions were encouraged, and he brought products for sale.

This was an in-person meeting with a zoom link provided.

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

Extension MG Program Coordinator: Eli Eisle. It was reported that there are 6 names on the St. Charles roster for the online Core Training class.

There are 38 names on the in-person core training roster.

Eli expressed his thanks to all volunteers helping with the class.

Secretary's report: Catherine Ebone—The secretary report for January 2024 was approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon—Income and expenses for January 2024 were reported. Rebecca also presented a pie chart on the budget and planned expenses for 2024. A motion was made and approved to accept the report as presented

501 c 3: Marsha Brown—Marsha reported auditing procedures are being developed as well as a process for accepting donations.

Membership: Sydney Turner, Waneta Parmenter, Bonnie Winkler— The membership team is looking for new members. Volunteers must have access to and a basic knowledge of Email, Word and Excel. The committee is responsible for supporting MGs time reporting throughout the year; year-end reporting and annual and cumulative awards. Time commitment will vary with the size of the committee. For more information contact Sydney or Waneta.

CE&AT: Bonnie Winkler—Nothing new to report.

Education: Patti Kolek—Hortline training is planned for March 26 at 10 am for experienced Master Gardeners. In the office Hortline presence will begin in March.

Patti announced that 18 people have signed up for the February "In the Garden" program.

Guest Speakers: Val Mertz—

March 28: John Miller will speak on Purple Martins.

April 25: Jenny Fagan, longtime member of the Webster Groves Herb Society, will explain how to grow and use herbs.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown, Catherine Ebone—There will be seeding parties on March 9, March 20 and March 30.

The cool season plant sale will be March 16 and 17.

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel, Nancy Torke—Waterers are needed. A sheet was passed around for signups. MGs were reminded that if they can't make their assigned shift to let Laura or Nancy know so they can get a substitute.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer—A pruning class in the arboretum is planned.

The straw bales in the pantry garden are being conditioned for growing mushrooms. Eventually leafy greens will be planted on top.

Old Business: Questions on how to correctly record hours should be directed to the membership committee. Trainees should contact the membership committee to start recording their hours.

New Business: Sydney Turner displayed some options for MG t-shirts. The webstore to order t-shirts will open March 4 and will be open for about 3 weeks.

Members were also reminded of the Extension's Christmas Card signing for soldiers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Catherine Ebone