

St Charles County Master Gardener

Monthly Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Thursday, 28 October 2021

If you have any questions, comments, or corrections before these minutes are approved, please contact your MG Secretary Rebekah Davis at rdbirds19@yahoo.com

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM

Attendance: (57) 40 In-person, 17 Zoom attendees

Speaker: "Getting Re-acquainted" -MG Demo Gardens Leads spent time taking turns talking about their gardens and delivering an "elevator pitch" for volunteer help in the coming year.

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

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

MU Horticulturalist: Justin Keay-

Joe Walker read a parting note from Justin Keay as he couldn't attend. Justin Keay begins his new position as Horticulture Specialist in Pike County November 1st. We have other MU Extension contacts to help provide support until Justin's position is filled.

Steering Committee Election:

Two Steering Committee members (Beka Davis and Joe Walker) have completed their terms of office and two replacement Committee members needed to be elected. At the time of the meeting there were two candidates running, Catherine Ebone and Joe Walker (submitted his name to run for another term). Joe Walker opened the floor for any last-minute candidates before voting. The St. Charles County Master Gardener Membership voted unanimously to elect Catherine Ebone and Joe Walker to the Steering Committee, their two-year terms begin January 2022. Congratulations!

Committee Reports-

Membership: Waneta Parmenter and Bonnie Winkeler-

Joe Walker reported that the online reporting system is up and Waneta Parmenter is working on end-of-year tasks.

Presentation of certificates and badges to new Master Gardeners-

The following Master Gardener Trainees earned and recorded enough hours to become certified and were presented their certificates and badges by Joe Walker and Bonnie Winkeler: Gladys Curtis, Kristine Freschi, Rosanna Zollner, Karen Graves, Paula Sims, Nicole Snyder, Kim Barylski, Steve Hahne, Anne Stroer, and Shelby Miller. Not present at the meeting but also recognized for earning their certification are Colleen Merz, Lauren Rohrbach, Amy Kreiling, Roger Davis, and Theresa Goldkamp. Congratulations and welcome new Master Gardeners!

Education: Jan Carron-

Jan Carron gave the group an update on Dig-In preparations: date is set for 2/26/22, speakers have been finalized, and marketing is being developed. Jan will be moving in the spring and the Education Committee needs more volunteer support including a Committee Chair. Contact Jan Carron if interested in helping.

Communication: Mary Medina-

Mary Medina reminded the group to check the Monday Newsletter for all pertinent information in the chapter. Communication out to the public is an ongoing process that volunteers are welcome to assist with. Particularly someone to help develop our YouTube Channel. Contact Mary Medina if interested in helping or if you are not receiving the Monday Newsletters. Mary Medina also mentioned a book on pollinator gardening that will be available for order soon.

Website: Mary Carey-

Joe Walker mentioned that Website and Communication Committee would be interested in an individual volunteering to help upgrade our website.

Continuing Education/ Advanced Training (CE/AT): Bonnie Winkeler-

Bonnie Winkeler explained what CE and AT are and how to find the list of qualifying classes on the Monday Newsletter. What qualifies as AT was explained to the group (each class is reviewed with a set of criteria that must be met).

Speakers Bureau: Valerie Mertz-

Valerie Mertz is looking for speakers and volunteers to assist with speakers and/or set up field trips.

Hort Line: Patti Kolek-

The St Charles County Master Gardener Horticultural Answer Line (Hort Line) is our public Q&A resource to help resolve gardening issues. Patti Kolek stated that the HL had over 300 contacts with the public as of the end of September. Patti reported that fungal issues with trees and shrubs made up the majority of calls this year. The HL is hoping to hold volunteer training next year.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown, Libby Wilson-

Libby Wilson reported the Plant Sale Committee will begin seeding in January, seeding party info will be in the Monday Newsletter. Volunteers are needed for seeding and caring for young plants until they can go into Greenhouse. Several lights are available to share with volunteers growing Sale plants at home.

Old Business:

Nominations are now closed for the Paul Hendricks Award.

Veterans Museum in O'Fallon: Patti Kolek is asking if anyone would like to volunteer to help with the Museum's planting beds. Contact Patti if interested.

Good of the Order:

Thank you to this month's facilitators: Zoom host Jan Carron and the Spencer Library

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekah Davis