

Saint Charles Master Gardeners

Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 28, 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.

John Miller. A member of the Purple Martin Conservation, spoke on Purple Martins.

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

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 8:15.

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

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon—The Treasurer's report is now included in the Monday Morning News. Rebecca reviewed the beginning balance, expenses, income and ending balance. A motion was made and approved to accept the report as presented.

501 (c) (3): Marsha Brown: Marsha reported that Laura Steimel and her committee, Karen Graves and Cindy Heider, have completed the annual audit.

Membership: Sydney Turner, Waneta Parmenter, and Bonnie Winkler—The committee is working on streamlining the process of reporting hours. Several MGs received their badges and certificates. Kathy Linder received her emeritus badge.

CE/AT: Bonnie Winkler—CE/AT classes are listed in the Monday Morning News.

Education: Patti Kolek—Several outreaches have been planned. Plant A Seed will be held in Lake St. Louis April 20. On May 18th a Plant Expo will be held in Weldon Springs. MGs will be also manning a booth on the 3rd Saturday of the month, June through September, at the St Charles Farmers Market. Mgs will also be participating at the New Melle market on the first Saturday of the month.

Patti also reported that the "In the Garden" classes went well.

Upcoming Speakers: Val Mertz

April 25: Jenny Fagan, a longtime member of Webster Groves Herb Society, will speak on growing and using her favorite herbs.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown—Marigolds are being transplanted. Tomatoes are being seeded on April 6th.

Signups are needed to work at the Plant Sale both for setup and the actual sale.

The Cool Season was successful bringing in a little more than last year.

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel, Nancy Torke: Laura expressed a big thank you to all the waterers. There have been no bugs so far. The new fans seem to be helping.

Demo Garden: Cindy Platzer—The gardens are opening next Wednesday 9-noon.

New trainees are being given a tour and orientation to the gardens. Online trainees will have their orientation on the first Saturday in May and the in-person class will tour the gardens on their last class day.

Hortline: Patti Kolek—Hortline has begun its in office presence. Experienced MGs are needed. A hortline training class is planned.

The Steering Committee meets on Friday, April 12th.

The next general membership meeting will be April 25th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectively submitted,

Catherine Ebone.