St Charles County Master Gardener

Monthly Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

26 May 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 6:30 pm

<u>Attendance</u>; 27 members attended. The meeting was a field trip and tour of Frisellas Nursery in Defiance.

Joe announced the 2022 Missouri Master Gardener Association Conference will be held September 16-18 at The Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. He encouraged members to register and attend as there has not been a conference in three years.

Secretary's Report: Catherine Ebone

Monthly meeting minutes for 28 April 2022 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon

The financial report for the end of April 2022 was provided. Net monthly change and cash in the bank was identified

Acting Extension MG Program Coordinator: Debi Kelly

Joe announced that there might be an offer outstanding for a shared hort specialist for STL and STC.

Committee Reports-

Membership: Waneta Parmenter, Bonnie Winkeler and Sydney Turner

Awards (pins and badges) will be presented at the next meeting. Members were reminded to keep current on reporting hours. Tonight's meeting qualifies for both meeting time and CE hrs.

CE/AT-Bonnie Winkeler

CE/AT opportunities are reported in the Monday Morning News.

Education: Jan Carron

The steering committee discussed recommendations on how to structure the educational program. Anyone wishing to be a part of the process should contact Jan Carron or Joe Walker.

Speakers Bureau: Valerie Mertz-

Emma Klues—Vice President of Communication & Outreach/ Great Rivers Greenway will be the speaker at the June 23 in the Extension Center. It will begin at 6:30 pm with social hour at 6.

Todd Higgins will be back July 28 to speak on Cover Crops in Gardens at the Extension Center.

August 25 and September 22 speakers/activities are still to be determined.

Bob Richardson, Entomologist and nationally award winning photographer of bugs will be the Oct. 27 speaker. It will be held in the Extension Center at 6:30 pm.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown and Catherine Ebone-

Marsha announced that Libby Wilson will be stepping down as Plant Sale co- lead due to family obligations. Catherine Ebone has agreed to become co-lead. After plant sale meetings have been held for annuals and vegetables. If anyone has a plant they would like to suggest for the plant sale, Marsha said that she needs a source for seeds. The plant sale will operate the same way next year with reservations

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel, Nancy Torke

Help is needed washing trays. We don't want containers that are not ours.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer-

Cindy announced that help is needed in the fruit arboretum and the perennial beds. Del made a plea for MGs who live close to help in the pantry garden. A plant swap is planned for the next meeting

Hort Line: Patti Kolek-

Calls to the Hort Line are increasing

Farmers Markets: Patti Kolek

Signups are wanted for the New Melle and St. Charles Farmers Markets. New Melle is the 1st Saturday of the month and St. Charles is the 3rd Saturday,

St. Charles Historic Gardens; Terri Scheer

Nothing new to report

Boys and Girls Club: Joe Walker

Joe reported the after-school program is wrapping up. He mentioned that the program was featured in The Community News. Summer Camp will start June 9. Any interested MGs should contact Joe.

New Business:

Linda Sutton is organizing a MG garden tour event.

The new meet time will be 6:30 and snacks can be brought.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted.

Catherine Ebone