

**St. Charles Master Gardeners**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes (Final, Approved)**

**July 27, 2023**

**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](mailto:catherine.ebone@gmail.com).**

Matt Schindler, CEO of Seed St. Louis, spoke on Empowering Communities to Grow their Own Food. The presentation was in person, but zoom was available.

**Call to Order:** Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 7:40.

**Secretary's Report:** Catherine Ebone—The minutes for the June meeting did not get in the newsletter, so the minutes will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rebecca Poon—Expenses and income were listed for June. Cash on hand was also given. The report was approved.

**Program Coordinator:** Eli Isle—Eli was not in attendance.

**Membership Committee:** Sydney Turner, Waneta Parmenter—Sydney reminded members to enter their hours. She reported that total volunteer hours this year are slightly ahead of last year. Cynthia Menscher received her Advanced MG badge; Joann Jungermann and Susan and Andy Asher received their MG badges.

**AT,CE:** Bonnie Winkler—AT and CE opportunities are listed in the Monday Morning News every month. It was questioned whether the Bee presentation at the June meeting qualified for AT.

**Plant Sale:** Marsha Brown, Catherine Ebone—Catherine announced that dates for seeding parties and the Plant Sale have been set up.

**Hoophouse:** Donna Lindsey—Donna said there was nothing new on the Hoophouse; just weeding and watering.

**Education Committee:** Patti Kolek—Patti said the committee is working on winter classes: Jan 27; Feb.24 and March 23. Classes will cost \$20 and last from 9-12. The Speakers' Bureau presentation fees will go toward the purchase of a laptop and projector to be used by the speakers. A flyer is being prepared to advertise the Speakers Bureau. Patti also announced there are some lost and found items at the hortline desk.

**Hortline:** Patti Kolek announced that there were 65 calls to the hortline in May and 45 in June for a total of 226 this year. Vegetables have been the #1 topic.

**Farmers Market:** Patti Kolek—Two people have signed up for September.

**Demo Garden:** Cindy Platzer—There will be a cooking class on Aug.2 at 9am. Phoebe will be cooking with eggplant. See the link in MMNews to sign up. On Aug.9 Joann and Jill will have a salsa and pesto class.

91 people signed up for the spring garden tours and 16 tours are scheduled for the fall. The From the Ground Up project is underway. 18 MGs have signed up. The foundation beds are being refurbished into a Moon Garden; A Bed for Bees and A Chocolate Garden.

**Newsletter:** There will be no MMNews on July 31<sup>st</sup> because Mary Medina will be on vacation.

**New Business:**

Monarch Madness Fall 2023 will be held at Weldon Springs. MGs will have a table at this event and volunteers are needed. Mary Medina is coordinating.

St. Charles has been asked to host the Missouri Master Gardeners State Conference in 2026.

Joe Walker asked for a show of hands on how many would like to host the convention. After discussing the need for more information MGs were generally favorable to the idea. There is a state MG mini conference in Columbia Oct. 13-14 and a statewide conference in St. Joe Sept 27-29, 2024. It was suggested that a contingency from St. Charles attend these events.

Boys and Girls club has two more weeks. Joe thanked everyone who helped.

The steering committee meets on Friday, Aug 11; the next general meeting is Thursday, Aug.24.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24