

St Charles County Master Gardener

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

11 February 2022

Attendees: Joe Walker, Laura Steimel, Catherine Ebone, Rebecca Poon, Cindy Platzer, Marsha Brown, Jan Carron, Debi Kelly, Waneta Parmenter

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 9:17 am.
Catherine Ebone confirmed Quorum. The Steering Committee met as a hybrid meeting

Secretary's Report: Catherine Ebone- Steering Committee meeting minutes for 14 January 2022 were approved as corrected

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon- Rebecca reported the net monthly change for January. End of January 2022 cash in the bank was identified. Unallocated dollars were shown. Revenue, expenses and net income were shown

MU Horticulturalist Specialist: Debi Kelly- Debi had no updates on hiring of program coordinator. Background check procedures of MGs working with youth were discussed.

Committee Reports-

Membership: Waneta Parmenter, Bonnie Winkeler- Waneta Parmenter stated inactive members will be excluded from MOMGA dues. There was a question over whether active MGs certified in 2021 will be counted. Awards have been ordered. Welcome letters will be sent out to interns currently taking MG class. Meet and Greet for new interns on Feb. 12. Tom Nagle received a replacement tree because his tree was removed.

CE & AT: Bonnie Winkeler- Revised guidelines are now on website.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown, Libby Wilson- Marsha Brown reported about 30-35 attended the seeding party. Several new trainees attended. First time seeders qualified for ½ hour education hours with the remainder of the time qualifying for demo hours. Signup genius will be used for MGs for sign up for the March 9th seeding party

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel, Nancy Torke-Laura Steimel announced MGs are needed for watering in the next 2 weeks. A tear that was discovered in greenhouse plastic was repaired temporarily with tape. Laura is seeking estimates on replacing plastic. Plants are in the greenhouse..

Communication: Mary Medina, Mary Carey- Mary Medina will be reimbursed for dues for Constant Contact. SC working on getting a more universal contact for Monday Morning News. Roger Davis is working on the website

Monday Morning News: Mary Medina-Items need to be filtered through Joe Walker for Monday morning news before going to Mary Medina.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer, Marsha Brown-Cindy Platzer reported 12 tours are scheduled through the library. Cindy said we have 13 tours scheduled through MGs. Leads training class is still in the planning process. Overall leads meeting scheduled for the first Saturday in March.

Speakers: Val Mertz-Amy Nau is scheduled speaker for February. March meeting is tentatively scheduled for the C Room at the Extension Office. Val will pursue a field trip for April.

Hort Line: Patti Kolek-Joe Walker reported that we have received a request for helping Fairmont Elementary School to advise them on developing a native garden.

Education: Jan Carron-Education is focusing on Dig-In. To date 94 people have signed up. Three moderators are scheduled. New YouTube channel is being created. Role of education discussed.

Old Business

Marsha Brown talked about the 501(c)(3)..Marsha presented five questions to the SC.for discussion.

St. Charles Historic Gardens: MG role is being reassessed.

Farmers Market

We have committed to a table at the New Melle Market for the first Saturday of the month starting in May.

We have committed to a table at the St Charles Farmers Market the third Saturday of the month starting in May.

We have also arranged to have a table at Lake St Louis farmers market on April 16.

New Business

Questions were raised about MG t-shirts. It was tabled for further discussion.

Good of the Order: Questions were raised about putting general meetings on YouTube and how sensitive information would be handled. Use of private emails was discussed

Meeting was adjourned at 11:28

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Ebone