

St. Charles Master Gardeners
Monthly Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

22 September 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.

The meeting was a field trip to Progress South Elementary Gardens. Robin Pilla and Deb Yerkes, principal, spoke to the MGs about the history of the garden and how it is used by the teachers and students. Afterwards a tour of the gardens was given.

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 6:47. 24 MGs were in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Catherine Ebone—Minutes for the Aug 28 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon --Financial Reports for August 2022 were presented and approved. Expenses were outlined.

Membership: Waneta Parmenter, Sydney Turner, Bonnie Winkler—A reminder was given that tonight's meeting includes both education and meeting hours. Pins and badges were awarded. Members were asked to keep current on their hours.

Education: Patti Kolek--A Speaker's Bureau is being formed. Cindy Heider is heading up the effort and contacting anyone who has given classes in the past to assess their interest. The education committee is discussing recommendations on how to structure the program. Anyone interested in being part of the process should contact Patti Kolek.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer—Mother Nature has gone up. Beka has been working on iris bed. The leads meeting will be Sept. 29. The perennials will be divided on Saturdays in October. The plastic on the greenhouse will be replaced in October.

The greenhouse will be cleaned up Oct. 22. Asphalt paving is scheduled for Oct. 15-17. Outdoor electrical has been installed and there is a light in the shed.

St. Charles Historic Gardens: Terry Scheer—Terry is stepping down and the garden opportunity maybe disappearing.

Speakers Bureau: Valerie Mertz

Oct 27: Bob Richardson, Entomologist and award-winning bug photographer, will speak on bugs in the garden; Extension Center at 6:30 p.m.

501 c (3): Marsha Brown—There will be a Special Membership meeting on Oct.6 at 6:30 p.m. to vote on the new by-laws. It will be in-person or on zoom. Passage would require approval of a two-thirds majority of those attending.

New Business

Nominations for The Paul Hendrix award will be accepted until the end of October. The award will be presented in January. Previous winners of the award vote for the winner.

26 flowers were entered in the flower show at the St. Charles Home Show and individual leads won a number of ribbons.

Marsha Brown won the MOMGA of the year award at the state convention and she encouraged MGs to attend the convention in the future.

Mgs will hold a Christmas Party on Dec.2. Mary Medina is coordinating.

Garlic bulbs were on sale after the meeting.

Nominations for officers should be submitted to Valerie Mertz.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted

Catherine Ebone