

St. Charles Master Gardeners
Steering Committee Minutes **(FINAL)**

8 September 2022

Attendees: Joe Walker, Laura Steimel, Catherine Ebone, Rebecca Poon, Patti Kolek. Marsha Brown, Sydney Turner, Eli Isele

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 9:08.

Secretary's Report: Catherine Ebone—Steering Committee minutes for 12 August 2022 were approved as written. Quorum was confirmed.

Treasurers Report: Rebecca Poon—The financial report for the end of August was given. Net monthly change and cash in the bank was provided. Revenue and expense totals were shown.

MU Horticulturalist Specialist: Eli Isle—Online classes have begun. Email list discussed.

Extension Council: Patti Kolek—MG participation in the Extension Open House was discussed. Updates were given on the status of greenhouse lighting and outdoor electrical service. It was announced that the parking lot extension will not happen due to cost effectiveness.

501(c) (3) Marsha Brown-- The change in the election process of Officers/Steering Committee was passed at the MG general meeting. A special general membership meeting was called by the president for Oct. 6 for the purpose of voting on the 501(c)(3). Thirty-day notice was given Sept. 6. Voting will be in person and on zoom. Marsha reported that \$600 will be needed for Quicken. No money was authorized at this time.

Membership: Waneta Parmenter, Bonnie Winkler, Sydney Turner—New interns will be emailed a list of what is required to become a master gardener. The inactive list will be reviewed in January.

CE &AT: Bonnie Winkler—AT list has been updated in the MMNews.

Education: Patti Kolek—A transfer from Branson, Cindy Heider, has agreed to head up a Speaker's Bureau. Other items are being discussed.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown, Catherine Ebone—No news

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel, Nancy Torke—A person. Jeff Prouhet, has been found to supervise putting up the greenhouse plastic. A motion was made and approved to approve an additional \$300 in funds to hire Jeff Prouhet to supervise the installation of the plastic on the greenhouse. One of the new fans for the greenhouse will be returned because one will be sufficient.

Oct 22 will be the final close date for the greenhouse and volunteers will be needed to clean the greenhouse.

Hoop House: Donna Lindsey—The Lexan is starting to be put up on the hoophouse.

Communication: Mary Medina, Mary Carey, Laura Steimel, Roger Davis, Jan Carron—Mary Medina will be on vacation for two weeks so there will be no MMNews on Oct. 3 and 10. Provisions were made so

that if a really important message needed to go out it could. It has been suggested that MMNews go monthly or bi-weekly,

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer—Marsha reported for Cindy. Mother Nature is planned to be up before the Open House. Tagging monarchs is ongoing and perennials are being divided in the propagation garden.

Hortline: Patti Kolek—Hortline is doing good. A training class is being planned

Speakers: Val Mertz--

Sept 22—Field trip to Progress South outdoor classroom 5:30

Oct. 28—Bob Richardson—entomologist and award-winning photographer of bugs. 6:30 pm in C room.

Dec. 2--The Jingle Bell Rock holiday party in c room.

Old Business: Three representatives participated in the Parkview Gardens Educational Roundtable Aug. 27. It was well received.

T-shirts: Sydney Turner brought in T-shirt samples and is looking into other vendors.

Good of the Order: Joe Walker addressed the group about being more welcoming to the Master Naturalists. It was stated that some MNs feel unwelcome. A possible joint social event was suggested.

Meeting adjourned at 11 am.

Respectively submitted

Catherine Ebone