

St. Charles County Master Gardener  
Steering Committee Minutes **(FINAL)**

12 August 2022

Attendees: Joe Walker, Laura Steimel, Catherine Ebone, Rebecca Poon, Jan Carron, Patti Kolek, Marsha Brown, Terri Scheer, Nancy Torke, Sydney Turner,

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Catherine Ebone --Steering committee minutes for 8 July 2022 were approved as written. Quorum was confirmed.

Treasurer's report: Rebecca Poon—The financial report for the end of July was provided. Net monthly change and cash in the bank was provided. Revenue and expense totals were shown.

MU Horticultural Specialist/Coordinator: Eli Isele—Eli was not on call.

Extension Council: Patti Kolek—Patti reported that new lighting will be installed in mid August. She also reported that an Extension Open House will be held on September 15 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to staff table and offer tours.

Membership: Waneta Parmenter, Bonnie Winkeler, Sydney Turner—More pins and badges were presented at the July general membership meeting. The committee will make arrangements for the rest of the pins to be picked up.

CE and AT: Bonnie Winkeler--Nothing to report.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown reported that the perennial plant review has been completed

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel made a motion to approve the authorization of funds not to exceed \$2300 to purchase circulation fans and work station fans for the greenhouse. This includes fans and installation charge. The motion was approved.

Hoophouse: Donna Lindsey—Flood cleanup has been done.

Communication: Mary Medina, Mary Carey, Laura Steimel, Roger Davis, Jan Carron

MG Website: Roger and Mary M have been coordinating maintenance.

Facebook: Laura Steimel has been posting.

Zoom Account: Zoom account has been transferred to Laura Steimel and is paid up through 5-17-23. Additional options for cloud storage and attendees were discussed.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer—Flood cleanup: Greenhouse and hoophouse had to be cleaned. All paths needed to be wood chipped. Some items had to be retrieved.

Pantry Gardens donated 900+ lbs. of produce this year. No more donations will be made this year due to possible contamination of the soil.

Fallen tree branch will be handled by the Extension.

Upcoming events: Mother Nature construction, Monarch tagging, and a tour is scheduled.

Speakers: Val Mertz

Aug. 25—Diane Brickmont of Wild Birds Unlimited: 6:30 pm in C room

Sept 22—Field trip to Progress South Outdoor Classroom: 5:30 pm

Oct. 27—Bob Richardson—entomologist and nationally awarded photographer: 6:30 pm in C room

Ways to increase attendance at monthly meetings were discussed.

Hortline: Patti Kolek – Hortline is getting word out.

Education: Patti Kolek, Jan Carron—The education committee is reassessing their role and their one-year objectives. Discussions have centered around bringing a number of already existing functions under the education committee umbrella, but nothing is definite. They met with Eli to bring him up to speed. The future of the Dig-In was discussed.

Old Business:

501(c)(3)--Marsha Brown said Eli talked to David Trinklein and he is okay with the 501(c)(3).

St. Charles Historic Gardens—Terri Scheer relayed her discussions with the St. Charles Parks Department over the historic gardens. It was suggested that a form be developed to manage expectations about what role MGs play in such a project.

Boys and Girls Club—Joe Walker stated that Boys and Girls Club has wrapped up for the year. It was also suggested that the Boys and Girls Club be used for a limited pantry garden.

New Business:

Sydney Turner has agreed to investigate vendors for MG shirts.

Parkview Gardens is hosting a native Educational Roundtable event on Aug. 27. Participants are being sought.

A movie night was suggested as a possible event.

Next monthly SG meeting is Sept. 9, 2022

Meeting was adjourned at 11:23

Respectively submitted

Catherine Ebone