

St Charles County Master Gardener

Monthly Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

24 March 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

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Attendance: 32 attended in person with others on zoom.

Speaker- Val Mertz introduced our speaker Todd Higgins. Todd who teaches at St. Charles Community College spoke about No Till gardening. After his presentation, Todd, who is also the current president of MOMGA, shared information about upcoming events for that group.

Secretary's Report: Catherine Ebone - Monthly meeting minutes for 24 February 2022 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon- The financial report for the end of February 2022 was provided. Net monthly change and cash in the bank was identified. Revenue and Expense totals with Net Income were shown.

Committee Reports-

Membership: Waneta Parmenter, Bonnie Winkler and Sydney Turner
Bonnie presented Peggy Hammond with her MG badge and Tom Nagle received his Emeritis badge. Trainees and members were reminded to contact membership when they complete the requirements for MG or Emeritis status. Members were also notified that a directory of members is available on the website where you report volunteer hours. It was also suggested that members check their information for accuracy and add a picture.

CE/AT-Bonnie Winkler stated that CE opportunities are listed in the Monday Morning News,

Education: Jan Carron- Jan announced that anyone who registered for the Dig-In will receive a link to the videos by email. She also urged participants to fill out the evaluation form on that link

Speakers Bureau: Valerie Mertz-

Valerie announced that Donna Tobin from J & A Care pantry will be our April 28 th speaker. The meeting will start a 5;30 pm in C room. A field trip to Friscellas Nursery is scheduled for May. Todd Higgins will be back in July to discuss cover crops.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown and Libby Wilson-

Marsha announced that the MG plant sale will be in person on April 23. Volunteers will be needed for set-up April 22. There will be no peppers, tomatoes or eggplant plants at the MG sale. MGs can shop for those plants from 5-7 the night before the public sale April 30. She also stated that MGs working the public sale would be working not shopping. Marsha also stated that the plant list should be up on the website 2 weeks before. Volunteers should park at Brown Road park.

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel and Nancy Torke-

Laura reported watering is in full force in the greenhouse. Volunteers are needed for an evening crews Wednesday through Saturday. If anyone is interested they can contact her.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer- Kevin Minard is looking for volunteers to use the push mover. The MGs have an agreement with the Extension office that MGs will mow the grass in exchange for water use by the gardens; Anyone interested in mowing can sign up.

Cindy announced that regular work days have resumed on Wednesday and Saturdays from 9-noon. She is looking for a co-lead for the perennial garden and 2 foundation co-leads. Donna Lindsey from the propagation garden will be potting plants the next few Saturdays. Cindy needs help April 2 planting leftover pansies around the property. Cindy reported a number of tours have been scheduled for May-June. April 16th a girl scout troop will be on property working on a badge. Several garden leads have volunteered to help with this. Two garden clubs have scheduled tours and the St. Louis MG trainees have been scheduled for a tour and work session.

The Iris bed is being redone. Anyone interested in helpin should contact Rebecca Davis. Some other events planned are cooking in the garden with Phebe, a Birds nest display, and Monarch tagging

Hort Line: Patti Kolek-

Patti Kolek announced volunteers are needed for Garden Days at the historic 1st Capitol in downtown St. Charles April 9th. Contact Terri Scherer if interested. Patti is also looking for volunteers for Farmers Markets in Lake St Louis, St. Charles and New Melle. Hortline training is scheduled for May 10.

New Business:

Patti Kolek reported that the Veterans Memorial Museum in Ofallon is looking for guidance She said they have a handle on that..

Joe Walker asked that anyone interested in working on the Boys and Girls Club program in Ofallon should contact him.

Help was requested to clean up Progress West's outdoor classroom March 26.

Good of the Order:

Next meeting will be held April 28 at 5:30 pm in C room.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Ebone