

St. Charles Master Gardeners
Monthly Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

28 July 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 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: 21 members attended in person with others on zoom

Speaker: Todd Higgins spoke on cover crops for the home garden.

Joe announced that the 2022 Missouri Master Gardeners Association Conference will be held September 16-18 at The Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, MO.

Secretary Report: Catherine Ebone--The agenda was accepted as minutes for the June meeting as the secretary was out of town.

Treasurer Report: Rebecca Poon-- Financial reports for June 2022 were presented and approved. Expenses were outlined.

Committee Reports

Joe announced that our new Horticultural Specialist, Eli Isele, is now on staff.

Membership: Waneta Parmenter, Sydney Turner and Bonnie Winkler-- Pins and badges were awarded and members were reminded to enter their hours. Bonnie Winkler received her Advanced Emeritus Award. We also have a transfer request from Branson.

Education: Jan Carron, Patti Kolek--The Education committee is being restructured to cross communicate better.

Demonstration Gardens: Cindy Platzer-- Greenhouse plastic is being replaced in October. There are still some trays in the greenhouse that need to be washed. Master Naturalists are putting up a greenhouse. Due to the flood, paths need to be redone, the hoophouse needs to be cleaned and the greenhouse needs to be bleached.

Del met with Eli and they determined that since the pantry garden was flooded the produce was deemed unsafe. Soil samples will be tested for heavy metals.

Other plans include monarch tracking and building Mother Nature again.

Hortline: Patti Kolek—The hortline is keeping busy.

Farmers Markets: Patti Kolek—MGs have a table at St. Charles Farmers Market on the 3rd Saturday of the month and New Melle on the 1st Saturday.

The Extension will have an Open House on Sept. 15. MGs will have a booth and will be giving tours.

Speakers Bureau: Valerie Mertz

Upcoming Speakers

Aug. 25—Diane Brickmont of Wild Birds Unlimited will speak on Bluebirds at Extension Room C at 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 22—Field trip to Progress South Outdoor Classroom. Topic: Outdoor Classroom and Pollinator Habitats. Progress South outdoor classroom area. 5:30 p.m.

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

New Business: _Marsha Brown is looking for input on the 501c. It is in the final editing stages.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11.