

St Charles County Master Gardener
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

11 March 2022

Attendees: Joe Walker, Laura Steimel, Catherine Ebone, Rebecca Poon, Cindy Platzer, Marsha Brown, Jan Carron, Debi Kelly, Waneta Parmenter, Sydney Turner, Mary Medina, Patti Kolek

Call to Order: Laura Stiemel called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Catherine Ebone confirmed Quorum. The Steering Committee met as a hybrid meeting

Joe announced that he would be on vacation for the April 8th meeting. Laura Steimel will run April meeting.

Secretary's Report: Catherine Ebone- Steering Committee meeting minutes for 11 February 2022 were approved .

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon- Rebecca reported the net monthly change for February. End of February 2022 cash in the bank was identified. Unallocated dollars were shown. Revenue, expenses and net income were shown

MU Horticulturalist Specialist : Debi Kelly- Debi announced the MG conference will be held in person in September. Joe Walker thanked Debi or her help on the Dig-In.

Committee Reports-

Membership: Waneta Parmenter, Bonnie Winkeler, SydneyTurner-Wantetta announced MOMGA dues have been paid and award pins and bricks have been received. Trainee badges have been created. Transfers from St. Louis County are being processed. The SC approved a request for emeritis status for Tom Nagle. Tom made the request and Waneta verified that he met the requirements.

Waneta also requested that annual emails for emeritis and active members in good standing be discontinued. Emails will still go to trainees and interns. It was also noted that members have access to the member directory from the log-in website.

CE & AT: Bonnie Winkeler- Revised guidelines for CE reading are now on website.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown, Libby Wilson- Marsha reported the greenhouse is full and pansies have been hardened off. She also reiterated that there is no MG presale for cool season. She stated the button for SignUp Genius will become active two days before the sale. Signups will not be required for Sunday. Direct emails for the cool season sale have been sent out.

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel, Nancy Torke- Laura stated that anyone who needed extra hours can help with watering.

Communication: Mary Medina, Mary Carey- Mary Medina is working with Marsha Brown on the Spring Plant sale flyer . Advertising for the Spring Plant Sale will be started April 1st. Diane Hawn has been recruited by Cindy Platzer to work on getting news out to the community. Any news items still need to be filtered through Joe Walker.

Demo Gardens:Cindy Platzer, Marsha Brown-Cindy announced that the iris bed is being redone. Regular workdays at the garden will resume on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9-noon starting March 28th. Some of the events she is considering are a Garden Cleanup Day, Monarch Tracking, Lettuce Soup Day and a Leads Stroll. Demo budgets which are now set at 60% will be revisited in June.

Speakers:Val Mertz-Joe Walker spoke for Val. He reported that occupancy limits have been lifted for C room .Todd Higgins will be the speaker for our March meeting which will be held in C room. A 5:30 p.m. start time will continue for now. The speaker for the April meeting will be Donna Toblin from Sts. Joachim and Ann Food Pantry. The May meeting will be a field trip to Frisella's Nursery in Defiance.

HortLine:Patti Kolek- Patti stated the HortLine will have an office presence starting March 21. HortLine training is May 10 from 10-12. A second email address was discussed

Education:Jan Carron-Education is regrouping and reassessing its role. No one has volunteered to take over the Education committee. Jan reported 116 people registered for the Dig-In and 96 attended. Everyone who registered will get a link to the video which has been edited and sent to Debi Kelly.

Old Business

Marsha Brown reported that there is nothing new on the 501(c)(3).

St. Charles Historic Gardens:National Gardening Day is April 9th.

Farmers Market-Patti Kolek:Patti is looking for more volunteers for the Farmers Markets in Ofallon, New Melle and St. Charles.

Joe Solt has been contacted about t-shirts. More information will follow. Diane Hawn is a back-up source.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:02

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Ebone