

St. Charles Master Gardeners
Monthly Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

28 August 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: Laura Steimel called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m.

Attendance: 29 members attended in person with others on zoom

Speaker: Diane Brickmont of Wild Birds Unlimited spoke on bluebirds.

Secretary Report: Catherine Ebone—Minutes for the July 28 2022 meeting were approved as written.

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

It was announced that the 2022 Missouri Master Gardener Association Conference will be held September 16-18 at The Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City.

Committee Reports

MG Program Coordinator—Eli Isle—It was announced that the Extension grounds are being updated with additional lights being installed on the property.

Membership: Waneta Parmenter, Sydney Turner and Bonnie Winkler-- Members were reminded to enter their hours. Tonight's meeting includes both meeting time and education hours.

Education: Patti Kolek--The steering committee is discussing recommendations on how to restructure this committee. Initial goals are to determine offsite gardens, to compile a list of MG speakers and to compile a monthly newsletter. Anyone wishing to be a part of this process should contact Patti.

Demonstration Gardens: Cindy Platzer—Cindy announced a cleanup day Sept. 10 for the Extension Open House on Sept. 15. Mother Nature will be constructed on the same day and monarch tracking will take place in Sept.-Oct depending on when the monarchs arrive. The Greenhouse plastic will be installed in September or October depending on the weather.

The next leads meeting will be on Sept. 29.

Dell is looking for volunteers to take on beds in the pantry garden. The big thing involved is watering and harvesting.

Hortline: Patti Kolek—The hortline is getting 40-50 calls a month.

Farmers Markets: Patti Kolek-- Farmers markets will be wrapping up soon.

Speakers Bureau: Valerie Mertz

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.

501(c)(3) -- A motion was made and approved to accept the new election of Board of Directors procedures outlined in the new Board of Directors/Steering Committee policies and procedures regarding the election of officers in even and odd years. This motion is being made in lieu of passing the new bylines and is necessitated by the upcoming election of officers.

Marsha Brown said there would be a special vote by zoom and in person to approve the 501c. Date is yet to be determined

For the Good of the order

Donna Lindsey announced that volunteers are needed on Wednesday to start installing the lexan on the hoophouse.

Kevin Minard announced that garlic bulbs will be available at the September meeting for \$1 each. October is the time to plant garlic.

Next meeting September 22 in C room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectively submitted

Catherine Ebone