

St Charles County Master Gardener

Monthly Meeting Minutes (Final)

Thursday, 24 June 2021

If you have any questions, comments, or corrections before these minutes are approved please contact your MG Secretary Rebekah Davis at rdbirds19@yahoo.com

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Attendance: 40

Speaker: Kelly McGowan- Field Specialist in Horticulture; University of Missouri Extension
Green County MO

Topic: The Green County Master Gardener's Demonstration gardens and education outreach.

Secretary's Report: Rebekah Davis- Monthly meeting minutes for 27 May 2021 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon- The financial report for end of May 2021 was provided. Net monthly change and cash in bank was identified. Revenue and Expense totals with Net Income for 2021 were shown. Funds remaining vs. beginning budget were shown by class in a table form.

MU Horticulturalist: Justin Keay-

Justin Keay thanked the group for all of our achievements this past year.

Committee Reports-

Education: Jan Carron-

Dig-In 2022 will be Saturday, February 26, 2022. The theme will be natives and supporting our pollinators. SCCC community college location is being investigated. The Education Committee is looking for more volunteers to help on the committee, contact Jan Carron if interested.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown and Libby Wilson-

Joe Walker reported that the Plant Sale Committee is preparing the budgets for next year's sales now.

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel and Nancy Torke-

Thanks everyone who has washed and returned pots to the Greenhouse!

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer-

Cindy Platzer reported that the Daylily Walk has begun to bloom. Push mower help is needed, contact Kevin Minard to volunteer time. The Pantry garden needs harvesting help, contact Del Moeller if interested. Work is being done to help improve visitor experience in the Demo Gardens. QR codes and other signage is being installed. Cindy has formed a Creative team to help brainstorm ways to improve the educational benefit and public exposure of the Demo Gardens, contact Cindy Platzer if interested in joining this team.

Communication: Mary Medina-

Mary Medina is on vacation, Monday Newsletter will still go out.

Website: Mary Carey-

Anyone interested in learning to help with the website or Facebook is welcome to contact Mary Carey.

Membership: Waneta Parmenter and Bonnie Winkeler-

Online reporting system update: we have been advised to be available again in July. Waneta Parmenter showed the group a template on how to efficiently report hours by category once the reporting system is online. This document will be available in the Monday Newsletter and our website.

Continuing and Advanced Training (CE & AT): Bonnie Winkeler-

Watch Monday news for updates

Speakers Bureau: Valerie Mertz-

July 22 meeting at Veterans Tribute Park on Kisker Road. Pavilion #2. It is a large one near a playground. Officially ours all day. MGs can take the grandkids to play and use the shelter earlier during the day. Social hour 5:00 PM start time 5:30. People can bring snacks for the social time. People can bring lawn chairs. There is not a designated MG host for this event.

Hort Line: Patti Kolek-

Patti Kolek reported that HL is going well and back in the Extension office. Volunteer positions are all filled. There have been some walk-ins.

Community Outreach Projects-

Saint Charles Farmers market: Patti Kolek-

Patti Kolek reported that MGs are handing out information on programs and the Extension. Anyone interested in volunteering are welcome to contact Patti.

Boys and Girls Club – O'Fallon: Joe Walker-

Joe Walker reported that classes are underway. No classes scheduled for 4th July. Tom Nagle provided trees courtesy of Forest Releaf for the kids to take home.

St. Charles Historic Gardens: Terri Scheer-

Terri Scheer reported a good group of volunteers helping. Beginning to implement 3-year growing plan. The first tour group is scheduled. Terri is keeping track of the contacts for tour groups.

Missouri Master Gardeners Association (MOMGA): Joe Walker-

If you didn't get the MOMGA newsletter, you can go to the MOMGA website (link on our Monday newsletter) to view it.

Good of the Order:

Joe Walker wanted to remind the group in regards to visitors to our Demo Gardens: Please keep an eye out and report any tripping hazards. Work to prevent standing water to reduce mosquitoes. Plants need to be kept off pathways to maintain 32" wide walking space. Plant identification labels need to be clearly visible.

Beka Davis mentioned to the group that she will begin keeping track of bird species seen in the Demo Gardens and asked for anyone interested in helping out to record species seen or heard and send that list with dates of the sightings to her.

Thank you to this month's facilitators: Zoom Co-hosts Jan Carron and Beka Davis

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebekah Davis