

St Charles County Master Gardener

Monthly Meeting Minutes (Final)

Thursday, 23 September 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 5:45 PM

Attendance: 37

Speaker: Tyrean "Heru" Lewis- "St. Louis Urban Farming"

Secretary's Report: Rebekah Davis- Monthly meeting minutes for 26 August 2021 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon- The financial report for end of August 2021 was provided. Net monthly change and cash in bank was identified. Revenue and Expense totals with Net Income for 2021 were shown.

October 28th meeting discussion

No speaker- Meeting will consist of various committee chairs and garden leads to make quick presentations of each of their accomplishments and goals for next year. The group discussed and decided to try and arrange an indoor meeting in person (staying spread apart) without food.

MU Horticulturalist: Justin Keay-

Extension office and the university is looking for replacement personnel for Justin Keay.

Committee Reports-

Reminder of Nominations for the Paul Hendricks Award

Given for Service, education and leadership. Nominations open through Oct 1st. Send nominations to Valerie Mertz.

Membership: Waneta Parmenter and Bonnie Winkeler-

Online reporting system is up. Contact Waneta Parmenter for assistance with logging into the new system.

New Master Gardeners presented with their certificates and badges:

Earl Ahart, Karen Graves, and Kristine Freschi -Welcome!!!

Education: Jan Carron-

The Dig-In, is scheduled for Saturday, February 26, 2022.

MG volunteers will be needed to help plan, contact resources, develop speaker material, coordinate, etc. The Education Committee is also hoping to start a Youth Education Subcommittee and needs volunteers.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer and Marsha Brown-

Cindy Platzer reported some free plants and tools were available to take home under the pergola at the Extension. Leaf mulch is also available for home use. Garden Leads budgets are due in December. New plant markers are going to be ordered soon. Garden activities and displays are being planned for next year- Cindy Platzer is collecting bird nests to create an educational display in particular. Another planned activity for next year is raising monarchs in the Demo Gardens. The Propagation Area is digging and dividing on Saturdays. The Fruit Arboretum is still working on pathways. The Greenhouse is working on yearly cleanup and sanitizing. The Perennial Garden is removing several shrubs. The Pantry Garden is looking for volunteers to help with planning for next year. Watch Monday newsletter for project dates.

Communication: Mary Medina-

Keep checking your Monday Morning Newsletters for the latest Master Gardener news.

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

Check the Monday Morning Newsletter for valuable information and upcoming opportunities.

Speakers Bureau: Valerie Mertz-

See above "October 28th meeting discussion" This will be the last MG meeting of the year, there will be no holiday party. Contact Valerie Mertz to recommend a speaker for next year.

Hort Line: Patti Kolek-

Patti Kolek reported the HL is doing well, the Extension office is now closed on Fridays.

Community Outreach Projects-

Saint Charles Farmers market: Patti Kolek-

The next farmers market day is October 2nd.

St. Charles Historic Gardens: Terri Scheer-

Terri Scheer reported plans are being made for next year including moving an herb garden bed.

Missouri Master Gardeners Association (MOMGA): Joe Walker-

Joe Walker mentioned that everyone should be receiving the MOMGA newsletter around the middle of each month. You can also use the MOMGA website (link on our Monday newsletter) to view it.

New Business:

Master Gardener Chapter evaluating accounting procedures change and non-profit status designation: Marsha Brown- Marsha updated the group on the progress with updating the accounting procedures and non-profit status designation: Bonnie and Al Winkeler are in the process of drafting a rewritten edition of our current By-laws. Everyone is welcome to help review and comment on them before they are presented to the membership for formal review and voting. Contact Marsha Brown for more information and to get involved.

The Veteran's Museum in O'Fallon is looking for volunteer assistance with their plant beds. Contact Patti Kolek for more information and to volunteer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebekah Davis