

MONDAY, MARCH 14th, 2011
MARCH MEETING

Pietro's Restaurant
3801 Watson Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63109

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Presentation by Ed Mantels-Seeker of BUILD St. Louis about a program encouraging the local consumer to buy from locally owned businesses.
- 2) **Program: Groupon: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly**
Presentation by Chris Wagner
- 3) Meeting called to order at 8:20 PM. (Jennifer Schamber)
- 4) Welcome/Opening Comments (Jennifer Schamber)
- 5) Membership voted to suspend the "Robert's Rules of Order" requirement for this meeting (Jennifer Schamber)
- 6) Membership voted to waive the "Order of Business" outlined in Bylaws (Jennifer Schamber)
- 7) **Secretary Report (Lance Dauw)**
 - a. There were no comments by the membership regarding the minutes from the February meeting. Members can visit the website for the minutes from the previous meeting.
 - b. First Readings of applications for membership (applications available upon request):
 1. Allied: **Superior Pool Products** (Contact: Jordan Hood), (Wholesale Distributor), St. Louis, MO
 2. Active: **Applied Ecological Services, Inc.** (Contact: Elliott Duemler), (Wholesale Production Greenhouse), Oskaloosa, KS
 - c. Second Readings of applications for membership (applications available upon request):
 1. Associate: **Jesse Gilbertson**, Forest Park Forever, (Landscape Designer & Care Services; Arborist; Horticultural Consultant; Public Horticulture), St. Louis, MO
 2. Active: **Glorious Gardens, Inc.** (Contact: Rhonda Schaper), (Landscape Designer and Construction/Care Services; Horticultural Consultant), St. Louis, MO
 3. Allied: **Robinson's Rain Barrels, LLC.** (Contact: Jessica Robinson), (Business Services), Fenton, MO
 - d. Membership voted to accept 2nd Reading Applicants as members.
- 8) **Program Committee (Josh Hetley)** – No Report.
- 9) **Treasurer Report (Bill Ruppert)**
 - a. There is a long list of non-renewals for membership this year.
- 10) **Finance and Audit Committee (Jennifer Schamber)** – No Report.
- 11) **Membership Committee (Josh Hetley)**
 - a. Suggested that we add a new membership class: "Municipal".

12) Scholarship and Education Committee (Jamie Granger)

- a. Adult Education class is going well.

13) Public Relations and Marketing Committee (Bill Ruppert)

- a. Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Brentwood had a ground-breaking ceremony for a rain garden on March 11th. The rain garden is funded in part by a grant from the DNR. Supported was given by 11 different local, regional and state agencies.
- b. The US Green Building Council – Missouri Gateway Chapter will hold its 3rd annual Growing Green Awards on March 30th in St. Louis.

14) Community Enhancement Committee (Jennifer Schamber) – No Report.

15) History Committee (Bill Ruppert/Robert Weaver)

- a. Several members will be holding business anniversaries this year:
 - Home Nursery, Inc. (90th Anniversary)
 - Hillermann Nursery and Florist, Inc. (60th Anniversary)
 - MPR Supply Company (20th Anniversary)
 - Garden Heights Nursery, Inc. (15th Anniversary)

16) Bylaws Committee (Lance Dauw) – No Report.

17) Horticulture Co-op Representation Report (Jennifer Schamber)

- a. There will be a meeting with MOBOT members discussing feedback on the Gardening Glitz held in February.

18) New Business

- a. Nursery Day in August will be celebrating its 16th Anniversary. Possible changes to its format are being looked into, including changing the name of the event (a suggestion was “Green Industry Day”).
- b. The 10,000 Gardens Challenge by the Department of Agriculture’s AgriMissouri program will kick off at Bowood Farms on Friday, March 18th. Gov. Jay Nixon and First Lady Georganne Nixon will be in attendance.

19) Industry Events

- a. **2011 California Spring Trials**, March 26th-April 1st
- b. **Storm Water Management, Part 3 Storm Water Bus Tour**, The Shaw Professional Landscape Series at Alberici, April 13th, 2011, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, MO
- c. **2011 NGMA (National Greenhouse Manufacturers Association) Spring Meeting**, June 7th-9th, Hyatt Regency, St. Louis, MO.

20) Next Meeting/Program

- a. Friday, June 17th Gateway Greening’s “Solstice with the Stars” Sherwood’s Forest Nursery & Garden Center, Manchester, MO.

21) Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. (Jennifer Schamber)