

Master Gardener Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

12.9.2020	07:00PM	Master Gardener Steering Committee Meeting Location: Johnson Co. Extension -Zoom Virtual meeting
Attendees	<p>(15/22 Quorum-Yes) Present: Doug Geraets, Sharon Jeter, Jackie Wellborn, Linda Schreiber, Carolyn Murphy, Mike Murphy, Jean Holzhammer, Emil Rinderspacher, Esther Retish, Ann Tvedte, Beth Fisher, Michael Hesseltine, Chris Sedrel, Lavon Yeggy, Melissa Serenda</p> <p>Not Present: Barb Krug, Cindy Parsons, Barb Schintler, Betty Kelly, Joanne Leach, Marilou Gay, Melanie Hauptert, Joan Dinnel, Darlene Clausen, Alice Linhart, Vickie Siefers,</p> <p>Others Present: Shannon Bielicke, Amanda Baker</p>	
Secretary's Report:		
Minutes from last meeting approval. Available online.		
Treasurer's Report:		
<p>Report: Jean Holzhammer– Plum Grove: \$1,577.31 Balance General: \$11,072.68 Balance Butterfly Garden: \$2,397.87 Balance Reimbursement Requests: None</p>		
Business		
Discussion	Bylaws/Budget/Project Leaders	
<p>The Bylaws and results from the Qualtrics Survey were reviewed. Updates and notes were made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular (each steering committee meeting) review of approved projects. This should be an agenda item and two projects could be reviewed and discussed at every meeting. A vote should be taken after presentation of projects to continue project involvement or to de-certify it as approved project. Review process of Approved Projects. • Work on a set Agenda deadline. 		
Discussion	JCMG Reunion via Zoom	
<p>Emil and Shannon are working on putting together a JCMG Reunion via Zoom. JCMGs will be invited to join and reconnect with their fellow JCMGs. Save the Date: February 21, 2020 (tentative). Will work on a practice session prior to this date and can contact the Iowa City Public Library if help is needed.</p>		

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Discussion	Events wish list for 2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant sale of some sort--sell perennials, annuals, vegetables, herbs, and garden art or equipment Plum Grove tours each Sunday that it is open. Plum Grove Taste of Heritage Garden, not sure of date. It was in July but I suggest moving it to early August. Samples of recipes made using vegetables grown in the garden or off-site heritage vegetables. 2021 will be a celebration of 25 years of MG gardens at Plum Grove. Plum Grove Tomato Tasting, late August or early September. Tomato tasting and speaker. • late Spring plant sale (in person). If not possible, maybe MG plant share of some kind. Fall plant sale (in person) Bulb fundraiser • We would like to answer the Hortline questions from the office in the extension building working together with other members of the Hortline and sharing ideas and information. We evaluated books and materials in our library. We removed duplicates and books that are not as useful. We plan to sell these books to raise money for the purchase of new books that will help us respond to questions asked. • Hospice Walk for Dignity, April 18, 2021, Willow Creek Park Community members gather to commemorate loved ones who have experienced Iowa City Hospice care and to honor the hospice volunteers who make Iowa City Hospice possible. Our Master Gardener volunteers who work at this site will prepare the landscape at the park for the hundreds of participants at this event. The Hospice Site will be filled with hundreds of daffodils, bluebells, and bleeding hearts which lend their beauty to the event. • I can't list any events for the Speaker's Bureau as they are scheduled when requested. • 1. Relating to Downtown City Gardens: DCG Walk 2. Partnering with Iowa City Downtown District: Update a city garden spot 3. Possible partnership with Gardening Group for its Fabulous Flower Fundraiser (Flower Power Partnership)
Discussion	Additional Notes:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lavon is helping to review Mini Grant applications. • Thymes newsletter welcomes committee report update to be added as articles. Shannon will forward articles written by the Fall training class once complete. • Shannon will be sending out a SignUp Genius Survey for JCMGs to sign up for project contact lists.
Discussion	Date for Next Meeting: January 13, 2020
Discussion	Thymes Deadline: January 29, 2021

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Committee Reports

Attended Displays: Chris Sedrel, Jackie Wellborn- No additional report.

Butterfly House at Fairgrounds: Carolyn Murphy, Mike Murphy – No additional report.

Coralville Historical School House: Cindy Parsons, **Recruiting new co-leadership.** – No additional report.

Demo Garden: Sharon Jeter, Anne Ruppenkamp, Chris Sedrel – No additional report.

Downtown City Gardens: Linda Schreiber- No additional report.

Ecumenical Towers: Michael Hesseltine, **Recruiting new co-leadership.** – No additional report.

Fairgrounds Beautification:

- *Rain Garden* - Lavon Yeggy – No additional report.
- *Fair Grounds Flower Beds* – **Recruiting new co-leadership.** - No additional report.

Firefighters' Memorial: Barb Schintler- No additional report.

Fundraising/Flea Market: Emil Rinderspacher, Darlene Clausen- No additional report.

Hortline: - Esther Retish– No additional report.

Hospice Garden /Willow Creek Park: Melanie Hauptert- No additional report.

Steering Committee Chairs: Sharon Jeter, Doug Geraets- No additional report.

JCMG Educational Training: Linda Schreiber, Jackie Wellborn, Doug Geraets - No additional report.

Memorial Garden: Lavon Yeggy, Doug Geraets- No additional report.

Johnson County Fair / 4 - H Buckets of Flowers, Scarecrow: Lavon Yeggy & Vicki Seifer- No additional report.

Oaknoll Garden Project: Vicki Siefers, Deb Cassell – No additional report.

Plum Grove: Lavon Yeggy, Carolyn Murphy, Darlene Clausen, Betty Kelly, Joanne Leach- No additional report.

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Raptor Center Gardens: - Ann Tvedte, Alice Linhart– No additional report.

Speakers Bureau: Jackie Wellborn- No additional report.

Social Events: –Beth Fisher, Lavon Yeggy- No additional report.

Thymes: Doug Geraets, Melissa Serenda- No additional report.

Treasurer: Jean Holzhammer- No additional report.

Volunteer Hours/Secretary/Fall Training Course: Shannon Bielicke- No additional report.

Submitted by Shannon Bielicke, meeting was from about 7-8pm.