

Master Gardener Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

2.26.2020	07:00PM	Master Gardener Steering Committee Meeting Location: Johnson Co. Extension Office
Attendees	<p>(12/23 Quorum-Yes) Present: Joan Dinnel, Barb Krug, Jackie Wellborn, Beth Fisher, Doug Geraets, Carolyn Murphy, Mike Murphy, Alice Linhart, Ann Tvedte, Linda Schreiber, Chris Sedrel, Esther Retish</p> <p>Not Present: Sharon Jeter, Jean Holzhammer, Nicole Pearson, Darlene Clausen, Betty Kelly, Joanne Leach, Lavon Yeggy, Cindy Parsons, Michael Hesseltine, Barb Schintler, Vickie Siefers, Emil Rinderspacher, Melanie Hauptert</p> <p>Others Present: Shannon Bielicke</p>	
Secretary's Report:		
Minutes from last meeting approval. Unanimously approved		
Treasurer's Report:		
<p>Report: Jean Holzhammer (Absent) – Balances Not Available This Month.</p> <p>Plum Grove: \$ Balance</p> <p>General: \$ Balance</p> <p>Butterfly Garden: \$ Balance</p> <p>Reimbursement Requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None this Month. 		
Old Business		
Discussion	Budget	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1876 School House Garden \$200 Replacement Plants • Attended Displays \$200 Supplies & Display Holder • Butterfly House \$400 Perennial Flowers & Supplies • Demo Garden \$800 Raised Beds, Plant Material, & Signs (To be reviewed by Sharon) • Downtown City Gardens \$325 Plant Material & Planting on Melrose Ave. • Ecumenical Towers As Needed • Fairgrounds Flower Gardens \$200 Plants • Fairgrounds Rain Gardens \$150 • Firefighter Memorial As Needed • Hortline \$200 Updating Books • Hospice Garden \$150 Replace & Add Hostas • Oaknoll Garden As Needed • Plant Sale \$500 Soil & Pots & Labels/Supplies • Plum Grove Garden \$600 Plant Material & Fence • Plum Grove Tasting Party \$600 • Plum Grove Tomato Tasting \$200 • Raptor Center \$250 Plant Material & Mulch • Speaker Bureau \$100 Presentation Materials • Steering Committee \$6,000 • Thymes \$250 Editing Program <p>TOTAL: \$11,125 Unanimously approved (All 12 Votes)</p>		

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Discussion	Annual Reports
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All are posted to the Member's Only webpage except Attended Displays & Firefighters Memorial. Thank you for your efforts. 	
New Business	
Discussion	Upcoming Projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working to complete the Memorial Garden, Doug will lead the efforts to make progress including clearing sod, pouring cement, & laying brick etc. Doug got brick paver bases. Checking in with Phil's Building Supplies and working on a design & list of names to be put on the bricks. More funds can be approved as needed at future meetings. 	
Discussion	2019 End of Year Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Hours: 8,057 Overall total hours, Outstanding Volunteers: Joyce Miller, Carolyn Murphy, & Linda Schreiber, Annual accomplishments: Johnson County was 3rd in Total Volunteer Hours. 	
Discussion	2020 Fair
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awards Sponsorship- \$315 (extra if ties) including Hort. Exhibits, Scarecrow, & Buckets of Flowers, Unanimously approved (All 12 Votes) Fairbook Sections- Scarecrow, & Buckets of Flowers Fairbook rules were reviewed. MG Events Schedule of all parts- Please submit detailed fair schedules for all JCMG County Fair events to Shannon. 	
Discussion	Kirkwood Scholarships
<p>\$2,000 sponsorship (from 1,000 General fund/1,000 Plum Grove fund) Unanimously approved (All 12 Votes).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarships: 2 x \$1,000 awards to Horticulture Students that are Iowa Residents. 	
Discussion	Upcoming events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Day - Sunday, March 15, Seed Share from 12:30 to 1 p.m. (speakers run from 1 – 4 p.m.) JCMG Annual Meeting & Potluck - Sunday, March 22, 4-4:30 set up, 4:30-5pm social hour & seed share. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. and the annual meeting follows. 2020 Seed Share, Sunday, March 29, Open to the public 2 – 3:30 p.m. at JC Extension Office (1,600+ seed packet currently received) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:15 - 1:30 p.m. - Starting Seeds for Transplant, Jeff Koepf 1:30 - 1:45 p.m. - Saving Seeds, Jackie Wellborn and Linda Schreiber. Participants who attend the mini-education sessions will be able to select seeds before the activity opens to the public at 2 p.m. Plant Sale Flea Market May 9, 8:30-Noon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pricing Meeting March 5, 7pm Coordinators Meeting March 12 Staffing Needs by March 1 Prairie Preview March 3 Plum Grove Seed planning meeting Feb. 27 @ 6pm Plum Grove Clean Up April 18, 9-Noon Plum Grove Taste of the Heritage Garden Event July 8 Plum Grove Tomato Taste Event August 30 Raptor Center Clean Up April 11, 9am-Noon Raptor Center Planting Date (Tentative) May 16, 9am-Noon 	

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Discussion	Additional Notes:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fairgrounds Manager position is vacant. Contact Shannon Bielicke for Fairboard contact information if needed. To help with paper trail if an event is happening on the fairgrounds please ask Shannon for a reservation form to be filled out and turned into the Ag office. JCMG Membership list is still being worked on and a new roster will be made available once stragglers have submitted their requirements. Fred Meyer as the Director of Backyard Abundance. There is planning going on on how to use the space that is surrounding the Grow Johnson County space where many MG work on the crops that contribute to the food pantries. If you have any ideas that MG would like to provide to create a space that is more welcoming for more MG to get involved, let Fred know. For example, ideas of having benches and some places offering shade were given. Some wish to see the orchard be planted as part of the food offering for the food pantries.

Discussion	Date for Next Meeting: March 11, 2020
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Discussion	Thymes Deadline: March 27, 2020
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Committee Reports

Attended Displays: Recruiting new primary leadership. – Chris Sedrel

- Backyard Abundance Edible Plant Sale Fundraiser** April 25, 9:00 am – 11:30 am Robert A. Lee Community Center, 220 S. Gilbert Street, Approximately 400 people attend the fundraiser. We provide a large table outside the Social Hall. Set up time begins at 7:00 am, but you can arrive anytime that will allow you to be set up by 8:45 am.
- Earth Fest** April 25, 3-6pm @ Robert E Lee. (making seed balls)

Butterfly House at Fairgrounds: Carolyn Murphy, Mike Murphy – No Additional Report.

Coralville Historical School House: Cindy Parsons, Recruiting new co-leadership. -

Ecumenical Towers: Michael Hesselstine, Recruiting new co-leadership. -

Demo Garden: Sharon Jeter - No Additional Report.

Downtown City Gardens: Linda Schreiber- No Additional Report.

Fairgrounds Beautification:

- Rain Garden* - Lavon Yeggy - No Additional Report.
- Fair Grounds Flower Beds* - Joan Dinnel, Barb Krug- No Additional Report.

Firefighters’ Memorial: Barb Schintler- No Additional Report.

Fundraising/Flea Market: Emil Rinderspacher, Darlene Clausen-

- Plant Sale Flea Market** May 9, 8:30-Noon
 - Pricing Meeting March 5**
 - Coordinators Meeting March 1**
- Need more people to start vegetables & herbs**
- Labels are being worked on.**
- New Layout for the sale is being planned.**
- Volunteer shift sign up is in the works.**

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Hortline: - Esther Retish, Pat Kealey– Please disperse the Hortline advertising posters.

Hospice Garden /Willow Creek Park: Melanie Haupt- No Additional Report.

Steering Committee Chairs: Sharon Jeter, Doug Geraets- No Additional Report.

JCMG Educational Training: Linda Schreiber, Jackie Wellborn - No Additional Report.

Memorial Garden: Lavon Yeggy- 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-

- **Plum Grove Seed planning meeting** Feb. 27 @ 6pm
- **Plum Grove Clean Up** April 18, 9-Noon
- **Plum Grove Taste of the Heritage Garden Event** July 8
- **Plum Grove Tomato Taste Event** August 30
- **25h Anniversary Celebration:** This year is the 25th Anniversary of Friendly's Vegetable Garden and the Taste of the Heritage Garden (Taste of Plum Grove as it has been shortened too). This accomplishment will be celebrated at the event on Wednesday, July 8, 5:30-7pm. Get involved and help plan this event. Join the committee to help plan this celebration since it is the 25th and should be bigger.

Raptor Center Gardens: - Alice Linhart, Ann Tvedte – New Management at the Center. Ann will be taking the lead position and Alice the co-lead position.

Speakers Bureau: Jackie Wellborn- U of I Center for Advancement, March 4, Noon-1pm, "411 for Beginning Gardeners" ~Linda S. Speakers Bureau is going gang busters.

Social Events: –Beth Fisher, Lavon Yeggy- No Additional Report.

Thymes: Doug Geraets, Melissa Sendrel- No Additional Report.

Treasurer: Jean Holzhammer- No Additional Report.

Volunteer Hours/Secretary/Fall Training Course: Shannon Bielicke- No Additional Report.

Submitted by Shannon Bielicke