

Master Gardener Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

11.11.2020	07:00PM	Master Gardener Steering Committee Meeting Location: Johnson Co. Extension -WebEx Virtual meeting
Attendees	<p>(12/22 Quorum-Yes) Present: Jackie Wellborn, Linda Schreiber, Jean Holzhammer, Darlene Clausen, Emil Rinderspacher, Esther Retish, Ann Tvedte, Beth Fisher, Michael Hesseltine, Alice Linhart, Vickie Siefers, Chris Sedrel</p> <p>Not Present: Barb Krug, Lavon Yeggy, Cindy Parsons, Barb Schintler, Pat Kealy, Betty Kelly, Joanne Leach, Marilou Gay, Melanie Hauptert, Joan Dinnel, Doug Geraets, Sharon Jeter, Carolyn Murphy, Mike Murphy</p> <p>Others Present: Shannon Bielicke, Melissa Serenda</p>	
Secretary's Report:		
Minutes from last meeting approval. Available online.		
Treasurer's Report:		
<p>Report: Jean Holzhammer–</p> <p>Plum Grove: \$1,718.39 Balance</p> <p>General: \$11,095.35 Balance</p> <p>Butterfly Garden: \$2,397.87 Balance</p> <p>Reimbursement Requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darlene Clausen, Plants & Straw, Plum Grove Gardens, \$94.37 • Chris Sedrel, Fence Supplies, Plum Grove Gardens, \$46.71, Fence Supplies, Demo Garden, JCMG General, \$97.67 • \$75 Donation was received from the U of I Women's Club on behalf of Sharon Jeter's presentation to their group. 		
Business		
Discussion	2020 Fall JCMG training	
Class ends mid-November. Shannon will be emailing the Steering Committee/Project Leaders the Class Roster and asks that you email them to congratulate them and introduce them to you and your project.		
Discussion	JCMG Reunion via Zoom	
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).		

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Discussion	Raptor Center Update
<p>In October Ann, Linda and Alice met with the Land Manager at the Raptor Center for the first time this year. The Raptor Center is run by the Iowa Raptor Project (IRP) within the Macbride Nature Recreation Area (MNRA) owned and operated by the University of Iowa. The derecho caused substantial damage to trees at the MNRA. Fortunately, no birds were injured. The MNRA continues to be closed until the spring. The Raptor Center project will take on a new direction with the management change that occurred this year. The MNRA has decided to take on the Herculean task of working to recreate the Prairie by removing foreign plants and only propagating native plants that are found on this property. Specifically, The Butterfly garden will be eliminated and the pond will be moved to a location closer to the bird blind which was rebuilt after the derecho destroyed it. There will be a small walking area for children to enjoy. At Alice's suggestion the Hummingbird garden will be renamed the Pollinator garden and MNRA native pollinator plants will be relocated here. The plants will be labeled for education purposes. In addition, a Woodland Garden will be established just across the walkway from the pollinator garden. The exact role of the master gardeners will be worked out as we begin to work together in the spring. We believe this to be an exciting new direction especially for native plant enthusiasts.</p>	
Discussion	Fundraising Ideas Continue
<p>ISU is investigating options for counties to accept credit card payments. Waiting for more information after the first of the year. It is important for project leaders to submit an accurate 2021 budget request in order for the group to better judge fundraising needs. Keep brainstorming on alter options: online auctions, smaller in house sales, etc.</p>	
Discussion	Brick Orders (Memorial Garden)
<p>Phil's Building Supplies no longer has a store front in Iowa City. If you are needing the new business contact information to get bricks engraved, please contact Shannon Bielicke.</p>	
Discussion	Educational Sundays
<p>Linda is working on virtual sessions, 1 per month on the last Sunday of the month after the first of the year. Iowa City Cable is willing to record video. Check the Thymes newsletter for more information.</p>	
Discussion	JCMG Retreat
<p>A date is still to be determined. Will work on this after the completion of the JCMG Reunion.</p>	
Discussion	Sign Up Genius Project Interest Survey
<p>Shannon will put together the Sign Up Genius Project Interest Survey for JCMGs to sign up on project leaders short contact list. This will be sent out to all JCMGs including the new class members.</p>	

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Discussion	Review of JCMG Bylaws
Shannon has sent out a Qualtrics Survey to all Steering Committee Members and Project Leaders. This survey will gather information related to Bylaws Updates, Steering Committee Officers & Review of Committee Chair List, 2021 Budget Request, Schedule of Events 2021, 2020 Year End Project Reports. Please fill it out thoroughly for it will be used to vote on items at the next meeting.	
Discussion	Fred Meyer of Backyard Abundance REAP grant
Doug was not available to share about this. Will be discussed at the next meeting.	
Discussion	Iowa City Community School Gardens Request.
Shannon received a project request from the Iowa City Community School Gardens. Lavon offered to help and information will be passed onto Jackie for further review.	
Discussion	Additional Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please remember during this time of Covid-19 restrictions to stay vigilant and safe. Make sure to contact Shannon for review if you are wanting to do anything related to the public especially youth, older populations, and at-risk populations. Projects should be done virtually as much as possible and following State and ISU guidelines. 	
Discussion	Date for Next Meeting: December 9, 2020
Discussion	Thymes Deadline: November 27, 2020
Committee Reports	
<p>Attended Displays: Chris Sedrel, Jackie Wellborn- No additional report.</p> <p>Butterfly House at Fairgrounds: Carolyn Murphy, Mike Murphy – No additional report.</p> <p>Coralville Historical School House: Cindy Parsons, Recruiting new co-leadership. – No additional report.</p> <p>Demo Garden: Sharon Jeter, Anne Ruppenkamp, Chris Sedrel – No additional report.</p> <p>Downtown City Gardens: Linda Schreiber- No additional report.</p> <p>Ecumenical Towers: Michael Hesseltine, Recruiting new co-leadership. – No additional report.</p> <p>Fairgrounds Beautification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Rain Garden</i> - Lavon Yeggy – No additional report. <i>Fair Grounds Flower Beds</i> – No additional report. <p>Firefighters' Memorial: Barb Schintler- No additional report.</p> <p>Fundraising/Flea Market: Emil Rinderspacher, Darlene Clausen- No additional report.</p> <p>Hortline: - Esther Retish– No additional report.</p>	

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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- Chris S. is working on fixing the fence.

Raptor Center Gardens: - Alice Linhart, Ann Tvedte – 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.