

Master Gardener Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

9.9.2020	07:00PM	Master Gardener Steering Committee Meeting Location: Johnson Co. Extension -WebEx Virtual meeting
Attendees	<p>(10/22 Quorum-No) Present: Jackie Wellborn, Doug Geraets, Linda Schreiber, Chris Sedrel, Sharon Jeter, Jean Holzhammer, Darlene Clausen, Emil Rinderspacher, Esther Retish, Ann Tvedte</p> <p>Not Present: Barb Krug, Alice Linhart, Lavon Yeggy, Cindy Parsons, Barb Schintler, Pat Kealy, Betty Kelly, Joanne Leach, Marilou Gay, Melanie Hauptert, Beth Fisher, Carolyn Murphy, Michael Hesseltine, Joan Dinnel, Mike Murphy, Vickie Siefers,</p> <p>Others Present: Shannon Bielicke, Melissa Serenda, Amanda Baker</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: \$11,004.61 Balance</p> <p>Butterfly Garden: \$2,397.87 Balance</p> <p>Reimbursement Requests: None at this time.</p>		
Old Business		
Discussion		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meetings were held in July or August. 		
New Business		
Discussion	2020 Fall JCMG training	
21 Participants, Orientation class was last night (9/8/2020), Recorded ISU videos are available for educational hours upon request.		
Discussion	Potential for a Harvest Potluck or Gathering	
Emil would be willing to help do something in Zoom. Plan an agenda to create structure.		
Discussion	Review of JCMG Bylaws to make sure we are looking ahead	
Email 2021 normal event dates to Shannon, have budget in mind, review committee members, and review bylaws. Review approved core projects.		

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Discussion	Raptor Center update and resource brainstorm
<p>Raptor Center is under new direction and they are re-evaluating the vision of the gardens. Please help Ann brainstorm on resources and connections that she might need to help the project.</p> <p>www.thegazette.com/subject/life/people-and-places/iowa-raptor-project-director-aims-to-have-programs-flying-high-soon-20200825?fbclid=IwAR2qPQYHJozDm7uPyzNpDVFUKJ2BuTZXlqRKeq7If-9dnYuXF-V7m94V2o4</p> <p>www.thegazette.com/subject/news/iowa-state-parks-closed-derecho-damage-20200829</p> <p>Folks will help Ann create a letter of intent and asking about expectation of the partnership with the JCMG and ask to double check that the Missions align.</p> <p>Contacts at the Raptor Center: Tamra Elliott is Land Manager, MNRA. The new director is Ryan Anthony and his background as a master falconer. The department of recreation services with the University of Iowa.</p>	
Discussion	Permanent Donor Signs for the Corn Crib
<p>Would like to look into getting more weather tolerate materials. Possibly looking into something that new donors can be added to. Cost proposal will be brought to the steering committee.</p>	
Discussion	Virtual Plant Sale
<p>Not currently accepting credit cards. Shannon is the Johnson County webpage editor can help with that. The sale would be like a pre order catalog. Hills Bank has offered an ATM machine.</p>	
Discussion	Educational Sundays
<p>Linda is working on the possibility of pre-recording sessions and having 1 per month on the last Sunday of the month after the first of the year. Iowa City Cable is willing to record video.</p>	
Discussion	JCMG Retreat
<p>Will pick a date at next month's meeting.</p>	
Discussion	JCMG YouTube Channel/CyBox Links
<p>A YouTube Channel has been set up and we will work to find ways to utilize it.</p>	
Discussion	Additional Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2019 interns are working hard and doing a good job. 	

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Discussion	Date for Next Meeting: October 14, 2020
Discussion	Thymes Deadline: September 25, 2020
Committee Reports	
<p>Attended Displays: Chris Sedrel, Jackie Wellborn- No additional report.</p> <p>Butterfly House at Fairgrounds: Carolyn Murphy, Mike Murphy – We are busy answering questions on butterfly and butterfly gardening as we get them. We would like to keep the approved 2020 budget of \$400. We are working on metal sign designs to install around the butterfly house. We are still deciding on what native flowering plants and what milkweeds we will display in front and in the hoop house.</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 – The committee leaders will work together for Chris to take the lead of the gardens. ~300+ lbs. of produce have been donated and are battling ground squirrels. Things are looking good.</p> <p>Downtown City Gardens: Linda Schreiber- Report in Thymes Newsletter.</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–Big Thanks to Mary and Carl Hensley helping with the hortline questions.</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- The storm did damage to the beautiful old trees at Plum Grove and Alex, the director, was notified. The house is ok, but the fencing in the Wildflower garden took a beating when a big branch fell on it. My suggestion is we leave the amount we budgeted for the gardens at \$600 since we may find more repairs later and we could use mulch and soil amendments in the gardens. Chris worked on pulling posts and is ready to purchase new posts and fence. The only damage in the vegetable garden was corn but that had been harvested. Darlene has taken in vegetable donations 50+ lbs. Light on the fall planting to compost but will plant garlic.

We still need members to volunteer to help plan the 25th Plum Grove Celebration (hopefully 2021 will be a year to celebrate in-person parties).

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

Speakers Bureau: Jackie Wellborn- Copy in Thymes

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 7-8:30pm