

# Master Gardener Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

4.14.2021	07:00PM	Master Gardener Steering Committee Meeting Location: Johnson Co. Extension -Zoom Virtual meeting
<b>Attendees</b>	<p><b>(13/22 Quorum-Yes) Present:</b> Sharon Jeter, Jackie Wellborn, Beth Fisher, Linda Schreiber, Chris Sedrel, Emil Rinderspacher, Esther Retish, Ann Tvedte, Michael Hesseltine, Carolyn Murphy, Mike Murphy, Jean Holzhammer, Melissa Serenda</p> <p><b>Not Present:</b> Doug Geraets, Darlene Clausen, Cindy Parsons, Barb Schintler, Melanie Hauptert, Lavon Yeggy, Ann Ruppenkamp Vickie Siefers, Alice Linhart</p> <p><b>Others Present:</b> Shannon Bielicke, Laurie Canady <b>Others Not Present:</b> Betty Kelly, Joanne Leach, Marilou Gay</p>	
<b>Secretary's Report:</b>		
Minutes from last meeting approval. Approved Unanimously		
<b>Treasurer's Report:</b>		
Report: Jean Holzhammer– <b>Plum Grove:</b> \$1,577.31 Balance <b>General:</b> \$11,042.51 Balance <b>Butterfly Garden:</b> \$2,397.87 Balance <b>Reimbursement Requests: None</b>		
<b>Business</b>		
<b>Discussion</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>JCMG Blog</b> – Melissa Serenda will work on choosing a free Blog space like Wordpress and will start putting it together to share a draft. Shannon will work on making a public JCMG webpage to separate out public information from Member's Only information.</li> <li>• <b>Shelter House update</b> – Laurie Canady Would like to ask for JCMG help with 7 classes at Cross Park &amp; Fairweather Lodge. Forward a help request to Shannon and she will email it out to the group.</li> <li>• <b>Raptor Center Project</b> – Questions and updates. See Committee report.</li> </ul>	
<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Additional Notes:</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fairboard will be building a new exhibit hall building. They are currently doing a fund-raising campaign and more information will come as available.</li> <li>• Troop 120 of Solon help is not needed for the Taste of Plum Grove this year but will reach out to them in the future.</li> <li>• Staff updates: Some staff will be out of the office on leave this year so help and patience is appreciated.</li> </ul>	
<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Date for Next Meeting: May 12, 2021</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Thymes Deadline: April 23, 2021</b>	

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## Committee Reports

**Attended Displays:** Chris Sedrel, Jackie Wellborn- IC Kirkwood Display is being set up with ISU publications. Will be setting up a display at Backyard Abundance (7) classes starting May 8.

**Butterfly House at Fairgrounds:** Carolyn Murphy, Mike Murphy – Carolyn is working with Lucy Hershberger to make plans for a social distance display at fair.

**Coralville Historical School House:** Cindy Parsons, Doug Parsons – No additional report.

**Demo Garden:** Sharon Jeter, Anne Ruppenkamp, Chris Sedrel – Cleanup has started and will have a Donation themed planting again this year including large pots for rhubarb.

**Downtown City Gardens:** Linda Schreiber- No additional report.

**Ecumenical Towers:** Michael Hesseltine, **Recruiting new co-leadership.** – Michael had a cleanup day and will be scheduling another. They are working on the diversifying the plants.

**Fairgrounds Beautification:**

- *Rain Garden* - Lavon Yeggy –
- *Fair Grounds Flower Beds* – **Recruiting new co-leadership.** -

Workdays are being planned for cleanup on the fairgrounds. Working on planting some annuals for color to make the beds showier.

**Firefighters' Memorial:** Barb Schintler- No additional report.

**Fundraising/Flea Market:** Emil Rinderspacher, Darlene Clausen- Setting up planning meetings for a Spring 2022 sale. Shannon will reserve building B. And discussion will be had if a Fall bulb sale or something like that is of interest.

**Hortline:** - Esther Retish– Since January 1 there have been 21 contacts with multiple questions. Looking into having hortline folks back in the office but will tread lightly with comfort level of folks and maybe start with 1x per week and no more then 2 people at a time.

**Hospice Garden /Willow Creek Park:** Melanie Hauptert- Clean up and working Tuesday mornings.

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

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

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**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- Vegetable garden is being planted for donation. Flower garden is being maintained. Lavon & Chris are cleaning up the wildflower garden. They are trying to reach Alex to get information on the timeline for opening up to the public.

**Raptor Center Gardens:** - Ann Tvedte, Alice Linhart– May 8 Plant dig out date 9-11am. Bring tools, boxes, and plastic bags. Looking for information about the 2008 Memorial Rock from the Butterfly garden that needs moved. The Raptor Center folks will be putting in a small pond & creek. Looking into harvesting woodland plant.

**Speakers Bureau:** Jackie Wellborn- Jane Zukin & Jane Ryder did classes on deer & composting for the Senior Center. Dorothy Fowles will be doing a flower arranging class for Atrium Village.

**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 6:45-8:30pm.