

Master Gardener Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

6.9.2021	07:00PM	Master Gardener Steering Committee Meeting Location: Johnson Co. Extension -Zoom Virtual meeting
Attendees	<p>(13/23 Quorum-Yes) Present: Sharon Jeter, Darlene Clausen, Jackie Wellborn, Beth Fisher, Linda Schreiber, Chris Sedrel, Emil Rinderspacher, Esther Retish, Ann Tvedte, Jean Holzhammer, Michael Hesselstine, Carolyn Murphy, Mike Murphy</p> <p>Not Present: Doug Geraets, Cindy Parsons, Doug Parsons, Barb Schintler, Melanie Hauptert, Lavon Yeggy, Ann Ruppenkamp, Vickie Siefers, Alice Linhart, Melissa Serenda</p> <p>Others Present: Shannon Bielicke, Laurie Canady, Amanda Baker, Mary Hensley</p> <p>Others Not Present: Betty Kelly, Joanne Leach, Marilou Gay</p>	
Secretary's Report:		
<p>Minutes from last meeting approval. Committee will review and approval next time.</p> <p><i>Corrections:</i></p> <p>May Minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under Business regarding working on a Committee for a Garden Walk should this be MG Project walk and I know Alice Linhart expressed she did not want to be the contact person for this. 2. Ecumenical Towers: 4th line down suet is misspelled as suit. 3. Plum Grove: 5th line more is misspelled (the "e" at the end is missing). 4. Speakers Bureau: 1st line Dorothy is misspelled (the second "o" is missing). <p>April Minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ecumenical Towers: 2nd line delete "the" before diversifying. 		
Treasurer's Report:		
<p>Report: Jean Holzhammer–</p> <p>Plum Grove: \$1,570.98 Balance</p> <p>General: \$9,069.71 Balance</p> <p>Butterfly Garden: \$2,397.87 Balance</p> <p>Reimbursement Requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darlene Clausen, reimbursement requests \$63.81, JCMG Plum Grove funds, Plum Grove Garden items, manure & plants. • Carolyn Murphy, reimbursement requests \$68.07, JCMG Plum Grove funds, Plum Grove Garden items, wheelbarrow, paint, & keys. • Linda Schreiber, reimbursement requests \$67.93, JCMG General funds, Downtown City Garden items plants & mulch (\$59.61), Plant Sale potting soil (\$8.32). • Jackie Wellborn, reimbursement requests \$26.15, JCMG General funds, Attended Displays office clips. <p>Donations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Schreiber sold Dahlias and the proceeds \$150 was donated to the JCMG General fund. • Deanie Young Memorial Donations, JCMG General fund, \$50 from Greg Ellyson & \$500 from Stacey Young Long (daughter). • Linda Schreiber sold Dahlias and the proceeds \$25 was donated to the JCMG General fund. 		

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Business	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project/Committee Updates – See below. Awards/Recognitions – Items have been put in the mail and an article has been put together for the Thymes Newsletter. Membership/Roster – Jackie is helping to track down the stragglers. Leader’s Retreat/Team Building/Job Fair – Fall 2021 CIC opportunities and social events are being considered. Fair Needs – Shift Schedule for a Sign Up Genius Sign Up Plum Grove – Project Green Garden Walk, Shift Schedule for a Sign Up Genius Sign Up In Person vs. Zoom Steering Committee Meetings – Possibly an outside bring your lawn chairs meeting, maybe in August or September. Amanda Baker and Laurie Canady are going to touch base about Shelter House. Banker’s Advertising is a preapproved place that can print the ISU & MG logo. Another option is to print items without the logos and incorporate the logo in other ways.
	Additional Notes:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please take care of yourselves and watch out for each other especially in the current hot weather. Work as a team and avoid having too many projects land on the same person. Focus on current projects getting back into the swing of things before starting new projects. Work on good communications. Stay safe and take care of each other.
Discussion	Date for Next Meeting: July 14, 2021
Discussion	Thymes Deadline: June 25, 2021

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Committee Reports

No additional report.

Attended Displays: Chris Sedrel, Jackie Wellborn- No new requests at this time but more will happen in July.

Butterfly House at Fairgrounds: Carolyn Murphy, Mike Murphy –Plans are to have the hoop house with precautions and control the number of people in the house. Most of tables will be outside for educational and merchandize spots for more space. Shorten hours for the hours. Try to operate with less people but still might need 6-8 people. And will encourage people to see things outside the house. Will have a training on Saturday. Fairboard will mow in the house. Will look to see if painting and flowers are needed. New doors were put on in 2019. Donations of plants are welcome.

Coralville Historical School House: Cindy Parsons, Doug Parsons –Sharon will reach out and see what is needed.

Demo Garden: Sharon Jeter, Ann Ruppenkamp, Chris Sedrel – Thanks Chris & Ann & a good group of volunteers have been making good progress. Lots of Zinnias & Sunflowers have been planted. Working on the electricity. Considering doing a cutting sale after the fair.

Downtown City Gardens: Linda Schreiber- No new report. Working on weeding. Doing good and has good help. Got the plant guides up.

Ecumenical Towers: Michael Hesseltine, **Recruiting new co-leadership.** –Help is good for now. Working to install a path, mulching, weeding. Welcomes suggestions on getting rid of bind weed. Pull the roots that go on forever.

Fairgrounds Beautification:

- *Rain Garden* - Lavon Yeggy –Combining workdays with Fair Grounds workdays. Working on planting some new plants but the critters are back. The future of the gardens is up in the air. Maintaining and Color is the priority for now. Will add steppingstones to better the access. Cleaning up the edges.
- *Fair Grounds Flower Beds* – **Recruiting new co-leadership.** - A good group showed up and things are looking good on Horse Hill. Michael got Chris a water tank to use for hard to reach spots. Worked around buildings B & C and hidden bed with roses. Will coordinate with Shannon to do a workday around the extension office. Plant donations welcome for near building B. New bed was dug near the flag poles.

Firefighters' Memorial: Barb Schintler- No additional report.

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Fundraising/Flea Market: Emil Rinderspacher, Darlene Clausen- Planning group has gotten together and set the date. More information will be coming out in the Thymes. The jumping worm is a focus of concern. Recommendations are to not share soil, Master Gardeners will be the main source of plants, lists of plants that are wanted and not wanted is being developed, pushing to have 100% of participation from JCMGs, everything will be repotted at workdays at the Fairgrounds, compost from the landfill and will be looking at purchasing soil & pots. Perennials are being asked to get to the Fairgrounds by April which will help with inventory and labeling.

Hortline: - Esther Retish– Mary & Carl are going to be unavailable. Switching to 2x/week Hortline in the office. A new schedule has been sent out to recruit more people for Mondays and Thursday 9-11am.

Hospice Garden /Willow Creek Park: Melanie Hauptert- Doing well and has a regular schedule of helpers.

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

JCMG Educational Training: Linda Schreiber, Jackie Wellborn, Doug Geraets – In-person Educational Sunday training date of March 6, 2022 with March 20 as a backup, 1:30-4:30pm.

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

Johnson County Fair / 4 - H Buckets of Flowers, Scarecrow: Lavon Yeggy & Vicki Seifer- Judges for Buckets of Flowers, Schedules/Sign Up Genius for shifts for Butterfly House, Attended Display, & Demo Garden. 3+ judges are good to have.

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

Plum Grove: Lavon Yeggy, Carolyn Murphy, Darlene Clausen, Betty Kelly, Joanne Leach- Update with information on Project Green Garden tours July 10 & 11, 2021, Sign Up Genius. Lucas Farms Garden Association Aug. 14, 2021 is doing garden days and would like to participate in those. Will work on getting signs up in the gardens for the tours. Water is great to have, and the mulch is looking good. Helen is doing a great job getting the compost in order.

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Raptor Center Gardens: - Ann Tvedte, Alice Linhart–Not a lot to dig and not much opportunity for another dig. Not seeing a need for another dig but will focus on the collection of new plants for the new gardens.

Speakers Bureau: Jackie Wellborn- University Women's Club is looking for a speaker in Spring of 2022.

Social Events: –Beth Fisher, Lavon Yeggy- Looking forward to starting this up again.

Thymes: Doug Geraets, Melissa Serenda- Blog, Updated public Yard & Garden Page.

Treasurer: Jean Holzhammer- Deanie Young Memorial Donations, Master Expense/Budget list.

Volunteer Hours/Secretary/Fall Training Course: Shannon Bielicke- Fall training will be done on Canvas through ISU, Fall CIC training: Online Resources, Hours Reporting, & Plant/Insect ID, Leader's Retreat, and Team Building/Job Fair Event.

Submitted by Shannon Bielicke, meeting was from about 7-8:30pm.