

# Master Gardener Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

5.12.2021	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> Doug Geraets, Darlene Clausen, Jackie Wellborn, Beth Fisher, Linda Schreiber, Chris Sedrel, Emil Rinderspacher, Esther Retish, Ann Tvedte, Jean Holzhammer, Alice Linhart, Melissa Serenda, Michael Hesselstine</p> <p><b>Not Present:</b> Sharon Jeter, Cindy Parsons, Barb Schintler, Melanie Hauptert, Lavon Yeggy, Ann Ruppenkamp, Vickie Siefers, Carolyn Murphy, Mike Murphy</p> <p><b>Others Present:</b> Shannon Bielicke, Laurie Canady, Amanda Baker, Mary Hensley</p> <p><b>Others Not Present:</b> Betty Kelly, Joanne Leach, Marilou Gay</p>	
<b>Secretary's Report:</b>		
Minutes from last meeting approval. Not available will be approved at next meeting.		
<b>Treasurer's Report:</b>		
<p>Report: Jean Holzhammer–</p> <p><b>Plum Grove:</b> \$1,577.31 Balance</p> <p><b>General:</b> \$9,042.51 Balance</p> <p><b>Butterfly Garden:</b> \$2,397.87 Balance</p> <p><b>Reimbursement Requests:</b></p> <p>Linda Schreiber \$160.25 MG General: Seed Share Postage &amp; Downtown City Garden plants.</p> <p>Chris Sedrel \$93.88 MG General (\$87.55) Plum Grove (\$6.33): Plants, Soil, &amp; Spray wand.</p> <p><b>Donations:</b></p> <p>\$50 SVPA Architects, Inc. – Deanie Young Memorial</p> <p>\$25 Corina Olinger – Deanie Young Memorial</p> <p>\$200 Ecumenical Housing Corp. – Donation to the Ecumenical Project account line.</p>		
<b>Business</b>		
<b>Discussion</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Updates/Committee Reports</li> <li>• Additional Items as needed, See Below.</li> </ul>		
<b>Additional Notes:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will need to look at renewing your Nursery Dealer Certificate for the 2022 Plant Sale.</li> <li>• Kirkwood sent a thank you for the sponsorship of the scholarships.</li> <li>• Still some lingering Membership fees that need to be paid. Please get those in so the Roster can be updated.</li> <li>• If interested in working on a committee to plan a garden walk please reach out to Alice Linhart.</li> <li>• Once fairgrounds garden cleanup is well on its way Shannon will be asking for help to clean up the beds around the extension office.</li> <li>• Sharon and Shannon will be meeting soon to finalize and mail out the 2020 JCMG recognition items.</li> <li>• Currently Lifetime members are still asked to pay the membership fee to cover the required background check. We will discuss options further in the future.</li> </ul>		

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<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Date for Next Meeting: June 9, 2021</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Thymes Deadline: May 28, 2021</b>

## Committee Reports

**Attended Displays:** Chris Sedrel, Jackie Wellborn- Have done 2 events with Backyard Abundance. Updating the publications in the 2 Attended display boxes to have available for use. Looking into buying a foldable table for use at attended displays events.

**Butterfly House at Fairgrounds:** Carolyn Murphy, Mike Murphy – Goal is to work towards a fair display with small butterfly cages for viewing by social distancing. Carolyn is working on a plan with Lucy Hershberger.

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

**Demo Garden:** Sharon Jeter, Anne Ruppenkamp, Chris Sedrel – Doing well. Chris picked up the old lawn mower to fix it. Planted a lot of cold crops & will plant tomatoes & Zinnias. Working on a cutting garden. Good volunteer help. Looking for corncrib signs & bird house.

**Downtown City Gardens:** Linda Schreiber- South District Broadway Street garden cleanup went well with a number of community volunteers. Downtown gardens are doing well also. 95 People were served w/seed share, each receiving about 10 packets. There is one more CIC Educational Sunday class left. Linda is growing Dahlias to sell to raise money for the JCMGs.

**Ecumenical Towers:** Michael Hesseltine, **Recruiting new co-leadership.** – Ecumenical Towers Spring clean up is done and working on planting. Peonies have been caged. Will be planting plants received from the Raptor Center dig and the lilies from the secret garden are doing well. Michael is working with residents that would like a suit bird feeder in the gardens. Will be adding pathways so that the feeder can be maintained while not disturbing the plants. There has been good volunteer numbers helping.

### **Fairgrounds Beautification:**

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

Chris said 14 people showed up Monday for a flowerbed clean up and a lot was able to get done. They have also been working on cleaning up the rain garden with plans to plant Zinnias for color so that it is showier. They are looking for pavers or stepping stones for the rain garden. The antique plow near the entrance to the fairgrounds is missing and ask that we keep an eye out for it.

**Firefighters' Memorial:** Barb Schintler- A clean up day is in the works.

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**Fundraising/Flea Market:** Emil Rinderspacher, Darlene Clausen- Organizational meetings are starting. Building is being reserved with the fairboard and looking at Mother's Day weekend 2022.

**Hortline:** - Esther Retish– JCMGs are in the hortline office Wednesdays 9-11am and we are glad to have them back. Carl and Mary are still working the Hortline gmail email. The number of calls are picking up during the months of April and May.

**Hospice Garden /Willow Creek Park:** Melanie Hauptert- Chris said they will be planting a bunch of hostas and things are looking good.

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

**JCMG Educational Training:** Linda Schreiber, Jackie Wellborn, Doug Geraets – Aiming for an in-person 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- Butterfly House, Attended Displays, & Demo are working on a displays that patrons can social distance. Buckets of Flowers will happen but holding off one more year for Scarecrow contest.

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

**Plum Grove:** Lavon Yeggy, Carolyn Murphy, Darlene Clausen, Betty Kelly, Joanne Leach- Got in touch with Alex and they are working on opening up. Vegetable & Grandma's garden are cleaned up. Some vegetables have been planted. Waiting on wood chips & water hook up. In the wildflower garden they are trying to add paths. The fence is fix and the gates are up. Working to grow mor produce for the food pantry. They are working cleaning up the compost pile.

**Raptor Center Gardens:** - Ann Tvedte, Alice Linhart– The May 8 plant dig out went well and got a lot of plants dispersed. There might be more to dig up, but another date is not planned yet. Harvest spots for new plants are being looked at.

**Speakers Bureau:** Jackie Wellborn- Atrium Village is working with Dorthey Fowles to do a flower arranging class. Materials will be dropped off for the residents and the class will be taught virtually.

**Social Events:** –Beth Fisher, Lavon Yeggy- No additional report.

**Thymes:** Doug Geraets, Melissa Serenda- Melissa has a good start on the base of the new JCMG Blog.

**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.