

JCMG Steering Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023

1. Call to order 6:33 P.M. (16/22 Quorum-yes)

Present:

Doug Geraets, Chair  
Jackie Wellborn, Vice-Chair, Yard and Garden Information  
Jean Holzhammer, Treasurer  
Melissa Serenda, Thymes  
Lavon Yeggy, Plum Grove Gardens  
Carolyn Murphy, Plum Grove Gardens, Butterfly House  
Mike Murphy, Butterfly House  
Linda Schreiber, Downtown City Gardens  
John Weeg, Ecumenical Tower  
Darlene Clausen, Plum Grove, Plant Sale & Flea Market  
Laurie Roehl, Demo Garden, Fairgrounds Beautification  
Megan Garrels, Speakers Bureau  
Mary Starry, Hortline  
Kay Mohling, Yard and Garden Information  
Michael Hesseltine, Ecumenical Tower  
Emil Rinderspacher, Plant Sale & Flea Market

Absent:

Barb Schintler, Firefighters Memorial  
Vickie Siefers, Oaknoll  
Melanie Hauptert, Hopice Garden  
Barb Robinson, Secretary  
Beth Fisher, Social Events  
Chris Sedrel, Demo Garden, Fairgrounds Beautification

Others present: Shannon Bielicke, Laurie Canady, Ann Tvedte

2. Approval of Jan. 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes - approved with minor typos noted.

3. Treasurer's Report (Jean)

- General Fund: **\$23,476.36**
- Plum Grove: **\$1,395.73**
- Butterfly House: **\$4,026.42**
- New or Known Pending Receipts: JCMG Continuing Educational Event speakers' fees will be paid covered by GreenState Foundation grant funds.

#### 4. Review of JCMG Steering Committee Meeting Calendar (Doug)

##### ○ **February**

- Prep for Education Sunday (March): Taking Place March 5, 2023 & registration is available.
- Plum Grove Gardens Seed Selection Meeting: Nine people attended the meeting including a new JCMG; seed order will be placed soon.
- Plum Grove Tomato Taste planning (identify heirloom tomato growers & distribute seeds): Melissa Close has joined to help lead this event. Twelve varieties of tomatoes are needed. A request will be coming for help to grow tomatoes and help preparing for the Tomato Taste event. Doug has tomato cages for anyone growing heirlooms who needs them.

##### ○ **March**

- Education Sunday: March 5, 2023
- Annual Awards Meeting & Potluck; Awards have come in. Potluck scheduled for March 26, 2023.
- Kirkwood Scholarship Request: Waiting for letter of request to come.
- Begin starter plants for heirloom tomatoes: Plants will need to be started around Spring Break.
- Prep for project clean-up days in April: Plum Grove cleanup will be April 15.
- Planning for Plant Sale & Flea Market digs and potting sessions: Planning has started. Emil, Doug, & Roger will be meeting to plan potting dates.

##### ○ **April**

- Plant Sale & Flea Market digs and potting sessions
- Prep for JC Fair; project schedules, 4-H County Fair Award Sponsorships & Fairbook Section review (July)
- Spring garden clean ups
- Prep for Taste of Heritage Gardens—Plum Grove (July): Wednesday, July 12, 2023 date of event.
- Prep for Taste of Heritage Gardens: planning meeting—set date for meeting in May

#### 5. Extension Report/Announcements (Shannon):

- We are advertising for two new job opportunities with Johnson Co. Extension; Marketing/Human Sciences & 2nd 4-H CYC.
- Planning is under way for the 2023 Growing Together Grant. Please watch for more information coming.

#### 6. New Business

- Emil provided brief update on Plant Sale & Flea Market 2023 planning:
  - Discussed 2022 Financials, evaluation comments, & inventory

- Shared Plant Sale webpage including Project calendar & monthly meetings.
- Doug & Roger are going to coordinate potting days, Sharon will manage holding area, & Louise Murry will help with plant ID pictures.
- Possible changes from last year are being discussed including more space for the checkout line.
- Mary Starry will be working on getting a new updated Hortline flyer and double checking the phone numbers listed at the bottom.

#### 7. Old Business

- Continue JCMG Bylaws review discussion & voting: The Steering Committee continued discussion of the bylaws review. No decisions were made at this meeting. This process is ongoing and will be continued at the next meeting.

#### 8. Administrative Reports: None at this time.

#### 9. Adjourn (~8:45pm)

- Date of Next Meeting: **Wednesday, Mar. 15**
- Thymes Newsletter Deadline: **Friday, Feb. 24**