

JCMG Steering Committee Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

1. Call to order

2. Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Nov. 15 Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report (Jean)
 - General Fund: **\$37,588.59**
 - ◆ Income: \$2960.00 Virginia Stutsman memorial donations
 - ◆ Expense: \$14.40 Ecumenical Towers (John Weeg, compost and river rock)
 - Plum Grove: **\$736.01**
 - ◆ Expense: 40.25 Plum Grove Gardens (Carolyn Murphy, compost and wire)
 - Butterfly House: **\$4,579.70**
 - ◆ No change from November
 - New or Known Pending Receipts: (as of)
 - ◆ Community Speaker Series 2024 honorarium and mileage. Hills Bank is the 2024 sponsor, contributing \$1,000; \$217.85 remains from 2023.
 1. Natalie Ross, Cedar Rapids: \$200 honorarium + mileage
 2. Chant Eicke, Iowa City: \$200 honorarium + mileage
 3. Zac Hall, Iowa City: \$200 honorarium + mileage
- Review of JCMG Steering Committee Meeting Calendar (Doug)
 - **January**
 - ◆ Prep for Annual Spring Awards meeting and Potluck (publicize date and alternate date in advance); report budget, announce officers, present MG interns and MG service awards
 - ◆ Prep for Plant Sale & Flea Market – initial meeting of 2024
 - ◆ Prep for Plum Grove Gardens seed selection – set meeting date?
 - ◆ Prep for Demonstration Garden seed selection – set meeting date?
 - **February**
 - ◆ Annual reports & past year summary notes; updated MG Roster; project hours summary; JCMG state rank; project report yearly summary (Extension staff responsibilities)
 - ◆ Prep for Seed Share (March meeting?)
 - ◆ Prep for Community Speakers Series (Mar. 3 alternate date Mar. 24)

- ◆ Prep for Plant Sale & Flea Market (planning meeting)
- ◆ Demonstration Garden selection meeting
- ◆ Plum Grove Gardens seed selection meeting
- **March**
 - ◆ Annual Spring Awards Meeting & Potluck Sunday, Mar. 17
 - ◆ Community Speakers Series (Mar. 3, alternate date Mar. 24)
 - ◆ Kirkwood Scholarship requests
 - ◆ Seed Share
 - ◆ Prep for Plant Sale & Flea Market (planning meeting)
 - ◆ Prep for project clean-up days in April

3. Extension Report/Announcements (Shannon)

4. Old Business

5. New Business

- Community Speaker Series honorarium + mileage (Linda)
- JCMG Memorial Garden working group (Doug)
- Approved projects 2023 annual reports
 - Yard & Garden Information (Kay Mohling) –
 - Butterfly House (Carolyn Murphy) –
 - Coralville Historical Schoolhouse (Karen Martinek) –
 - Ecumenical Towers (Michael Hesseltine) –
 - Demo Gardens (Chris Sedrel) –
 - Downtown City Projects (Linda Schreiber) –
 - Fairgrounds Beautification (Laurie Roehl) –
 - Raingarden (Lavon Yeggy) –
 - Plant Sale & Flea Market (Emil Rindersbacher) –
 - Hortline (Mary Starry)–
 - Hospice Garden at Willow Creek (Melanie Hauptert) –
 - Oaknoll Garden Project (Vicki Siefers)–
 - Plum Grove (Carolyn Murphy) –
 - Solon Public Library Garden (Kathy Erengerger) –
 - Speakers Bureau (Megan Garrels)–
 - Thymes Newsletter (Melissa Serenda)–

6. Administrative Reports

7. Adjourn

- Date of Next Meeting: **Wednesday, Feb. 14**
- February Thymes Newsletter Deadline: **Friday, Jan. 26**

End of Year Project Summaries

- **Yard & Garden Information –**
- **Butterfly House –**
- **Coralville Historical Schoolhouse –**
- **Ecumenical Towers –**
- **Demo Gardens –**
- **Downtown City Projects –**
- **Fairgrounds Beautification (includes Raingarden) –**
- **Plant Sale & Flea Market –**
- **Hortline –**
- **Hospice Garden at Willow Creek –** The Willow Creek Iowa City Hospice Site saw some changes last year. Early in the year, a group removed trees and low growth in natural area surrounding the site and within its perimeter. The process left us exposed and less nestled into our woodsy area. We are eager to regain some of what was taken away. The City also spent the summer improving and widening the bike path that passes our site. In the process, the portion of our site that abuts the bike path was changed.

During 2024, I hope to add new deer resistant plants and consolidate some of the hostas to shadier areas. The City has also said they will try to renew our gravel paths. Our three 2 year old dogwood trees are doing well I hope to see a pretty spring bloom from them. We will continue watering regularly, weeding, and maintaining our roses and establishes plants. In the fall, we will add 200-300 new daffodils.

- **Oaknoll Garden Project –**
- **Plum Grove –**
- **Speakers Bureau –**
- **Thymes Newsletter –**