

## JCMG Steering Committee

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7 P.M., Zoom Meeting

### Minutes

#### 1. Call to order at 7:00 P.M. (12/23 Quorum-Yes)

**Present:** Darlene Clausen, Doug Geraets, Jean Holzhammer, Sharon Jeter, Carolyn Murphy, Mike Murphy, Esther Rettish, Emil Rinderspacher, Linda Schreiber, Chris Sedrel, Melissa Serenda, and Jackie Wellborn.

**Absent:** Beth Fisher, Melanie Hauptert, Michael Hesseltine, Alice Linhart (resigned – not absent), Cindy Parsons, Doug Parsons, Ann Ruppenkamp, Barb Schintler, Vicki Siefers, Ann Tvedte, and Lavon Yeggy

**Others Present:** Shannon Bielicke, Laurie Canady, Megan Garrels, Mary Hensley, Carl Hensley, Barb Robinson.

#### 2. Approval of February 2022 meeting minutes - Unanimously approved

#### 3. Treasurer's Report

- a. General Fund: \$8370.04
- b. Plum Grove: \$1204.59
- c. Butterfly House: \$2167.04
- d. New income or donations:
  - Mary Schwab, \$25 donation for bookmarks, Butterfly House
  - Martha Rasmussen, \$100 donation for butterflies, Butterfly House
    - Carolyn will send thank-you notes
  - Hills Banks, \$1000 sponsorship for the JCMG Plant Sale, MG General - Plant Sale
  - Deborah Eimen, \$250 donation in memory of Jo Verts, MG General - Memorial Garden Project
- a. New or known pending receipts:
  - Continuing Education speaker honorariums: 4 x \$100, Executive Committee approved, funds coming from the JCMG Membership/Background check monies as CE program benefits all MGs
  - Emil will acknowledge Hills Bank Plant Sale sponsorship.
  - Shannon will order a leaf for the memorial tree in the Extension Office lobby in memory of Jo Verts and the Memorial Garden planning will added to a future agenda.
  - Continuing Education honorarium for Mike Anderson, LCMG, was discussed.
  - Darlene Clausen will be submitting Plum Grove seed reimbursement.

#### 4. Extension Report/Announcements (Shannon) – nothing to report.

#### 5. Review JCMG Steering Committee meeting calendar (Bylaws Appendix E)

## March

- a. Education Sunday
- b. Kirkwood Scholarship Request - It was decided that we will continue to donate \$2000 for two \$1000 scholarships for 2nd year students that meet the qualifications outlined for previous donations.
- c. Seed Share - will focus on sharing seeds with MG to start plants for the Plant Sale and donating seed to community gardens/seed libraries. Four proprietary seed companies donated 136 seed packets; last year 1,600 seed packets were received. Those wishing seeds to start for the Plant Sale should contact Linda.
- d. Plant Sale & Flea Market. A planning meeting will be held March 23; Signup Genius - March 24.

## April

- a. Prep for JC Fair: project schedules, 4-H County Fair Award Sponsorships & Fair book Section. Shannon will confirm sponsorship amount activities in April.
- b. Spring garden clean ups. Coordinators are encouraged to use the *Thymes* and send an email via Shannon.
- c. Prep for Taste of the Heritage Garden (July). Planning for the 25th anniversary party
- d. Prep for Tomato Taste planning meeting
- e. Plant Sale & Flea Market - There will be a walk-through of the site and digging/potting days will be scheduled.
- f. Attended displays - Insect Zoo at Mercer Park April 24, from 1–4 P.M.

## 6. Old business

- a. Membership Update - Jackie is calling the list of stragglers. Once completed Shannon will continue to work on the Roster, Annual Awards, Birthday list, etc.
- b. In-person or Zoom steering committee meetings were discussed. The April meeting will be a hybrid. We will meet in person at the Extension Office with an option to join remotely via computer. Shannon reported three conference rooms could be opened to facilitate distancing. The meeting moved to 6:30 P.M. instead of 7 P.M.

## 7. New business

- a. Kirkwood Scholarship - discussed above under March calendar
- b. Update Bylaw Appendix B.2 (Project Leaders/Steering Committee members)
- c. Approved Projects updates:
  1. Coralville Schoolhouse - **Open Leader position** due to family commitments Doug and Cindy Parsons cannot head this up any longer. We can probably still work there occasionally, but not on a regular basis. I would be willing to transition with a new person to show him/her the ropes, etc.
  2. Ecumenical Towers - Michael Hesseltine  
**Open Position for Co-Leader**
  3. Hortline - Esther Retish

- Carl and Mary Hensley added as Co-Leaders
- 4. Fairgrounds/Raingarden
  - Leader (new) Megan Garrels, co-leader Chris Sedrel
- 5. Iowa Raptor Project (IRP) Gardens at Macbride Nature Recreation Area - Ann Tvedte
  - **Open position for Co-Leader**
- 6. Attended Displays - Jackie Wellborn –
  - **Open Position for Co-Leader**
- 7. Fundraising/Flea Market: Emil reported that we will be using two buildings this year (B & C) to provide more spacing. We would like to get donations from MG projects if there are plantings that can be divided. A planning meeting is scheduled for March 23 and sign up genius for working the sale will go out March 24.

## 7. Other

- a. (Non-Core) Project assistance needed:
  - Laurie Canady seeks a co-leader for the Shelter House project.
  - Mahmooda Ahmad seeks assistance with the Bird House project. Kay Mohling is interested.
- b. Doug Geraets will coordinate meeting agendas
- c. Iowa City Public Library invites MG to help create a gardening reading list to promote local organizations. Steering committee members are invited to suggest two titles of their favorite gardening books and send to Beth Fisher at the ICPL.
- d. Chris Sedrel requested JC Extension host ISU floral arranging sessions on June 1, Aug 2, and Nov. 16.
- e. Master Gardener Educational Training: Continuing Education was held March 6 featuring three speakers. Perennial Movement Design: The Role of Native Plants - Tyler Baird, Iowa City Supt. Parks and Forestry; What's Wrong with My Tree? - Mike Anderson, LCMG, 2006; Grow: Johnson County Improves Healthy Food Access, Jason Grimm, Executive Director, and Clare Zabel, Food and Farm Specialist, at Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development (IVRCD). 36 in-person participants, 15 online viewers. Future programs should include breaks between presentations to allow socializing. 36 in-person participants, 15 online viewers.

## 8. Adjourned at 8:14pm

- a. Date of next meeting: April 13, 2022
- b. Thymes Newsletter deadline: March 28, 2022