

Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Call to Order 6:04 p.m.

President Jan Dickey called the Thursday, April 13, 2023, Memphis Area Master Gardener's meeting to order. The meeting was conducted in-person at the Agricenter.

Speaker

Vice President Steve Scheer introduced Pam Beasley, master gardener and 2023 TOGG participant, who discussed "Ways to Make Your Garden TOGG Tour Ready."

Business Meeting

Approval of the March 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Membership approved the minutes to the March member meeting as published.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ginny Fletcher presented the March financial report. She requested that members turn in their Spring Fling expenses promptly.

Nomination Committee

As required by our by-laws, the board has selected the Nomination Committee. The committee's duties are to call nominees that the membership puts forth for offices. They ensure candidates are willing to serve and know what their duties are. During the election they count the votes.

New Business Opportunities

Membership requested that we bring back Share & Learn prior to our regular monthly meeting. Share & Learn is a 10-15 minute presentation by master gardeners on topics of interest. We would like to have the program start in July. Please contact Steve if you would like to participate. Please note that our July member meeting will be July 20 (one week later) due to Summer Celebration.

Unfinished Business

Marilyn Trimble discussed a survey on member's skills and interests that will be sent out via email.

Extension Report

Dr. Cooper welcomed the Class of 2023 interns who were in attendance.

He discussed the UT Extension's statewide food drive for Food Waste Awareness Week. He requested that members bring their donations to

the office by April 21. Excess food will be directed to counties impacted by last month's tornados.

Volunteer Opportunities

We need volunteers for the following committees/events:

Historian (co-chair)

Parliamentarian (co-chair)

Ask a Master Gardener Table (two master gardeners and two interns) on April 22. Contact Jan if you want to participate.

MBG Hosta Trail Upkeep on April 21 (rain date April 28) and May 12. Contact Cheryl Lockhart if you want to participate.

Spring Fling

Linda Taylor thanked everyone for the donations of time and goods from members. At least 4,000 people attended. Volunteer committees (around 35 people) donated 1,500 hours of planning. Volunteers at the event contributed 1,300 hours. The final tally is not complete, but Linda expects that we made approximately \$9,000. Please turn in your expenses to Ginny by Monday.

She reminded members that we will not have a greenhouse in 2024, so members will need to supply more plants. So, pot up your plants as you are working in your gardens.

She is looking for more vendors in 2024, especially yard art. Vendors pay \$50 for outside spaces and \$100 for spaces inside.

Go to the website, www.memphisareamastergardeners.org, and newsletter for more volunteer opportunities. Everyone should record their volunteer and CEU hours often.

Extension Social Media Sites: The sites are Facebook - @UT and TSU Extension Shelby County, Instagram - @shelbycoextension, Twitter - @shelbyextension, and YouTube: @UT-TSU Shelby County Extension.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 p.m.
Debbie Hill, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: 6 p.m., Thursday, May 11, 2023