

Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 11, 2023

Call to Order 6:20 p.m.

President Jan Dickey called the Thursday, May 11, 2023, Memphis Area Master Gardener's meeting to order. The meeting was conducted in-person at the Agricenter.

Speaker

Vice President Steve Scheer introduced Dr. Lelia Kelly, retired Mississippi State Master Gardener Coordinator, who discussed "Herbs Used in Cooking."

Business Meeting

Approval of the April 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ginny Fletcher presented the April financial report.

Extension Report and Remarks

Dr. Cooper asked that members volunteer to work a shift at the extension office's front desk. Shifts are Monday-Friday and members will receive volunteer hours.

New Business Opportunities

Laura Edwards from the Scholarship Committee reviewed the qualifications of the four scholarship recipients, plus two additional candidates. The 2023 budget for scholarships is for four at \$2,000 each. The committee would like to award two more scholarships this year. The board approved bringing the request to the membership. The motion, "I move we approve the Scholarship Committee's request for two additional Mary Wade Scholarships for 2023 and the one-time \$4,000 increase in this year's budget item necessary to fund them," passed.

Julie Morgan advised the group that we have a YouTube channel now. Search Memphis Area Master Gardeners on YouTube. We will receive CEUs for watching based on the video's length. You cannot receive additional CEUs if you watch but saw the presentation in person.

Unfinished Business

Jan Dickey announced that there will be a social time at 5:30 p.m. before the June member meeting. This social time will be a trial to determine if members are interested. The Nomination Committee will attend to

introduce themselves to the membership. The board will provide light refreshments.

The Member Survey is finished. Please complete it when you receive it.

Volunteer Opportunities/Announcements

Sign up to attend the City-Wide Garden Tour from May 20-July 2. TOGG is highlighted June 3.

TOGG needs volunteers for traffic control. Go to Sign-Up Genius to participate.

Jr. Master Gardener Camp needs students to sign up.

Contact Steve Sheer if you'd like to participate in July's Share and Learn Session Night before the member meeting, July 20.

The Plant Swap at Valerie Arnold's house has been postponed until the Fall.

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 7:56 p.m.

Debbie Hill, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting is Thursday, June 8, 2023 (5:30 p.m. Social Time and 6 p.m., Speaker and Business Meeting)