

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 6, 2023

Start Time: 4:33 p.m.

End Time: 5:51 p.m.

Location: Agricenter Meeting Room

Board Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Jan Dickey	President
Steve Scheer	Vice President
Ginny Fletcher	Treasurer
Debbie Hill	Recording Secretary
Valerie Fitzgerald	Corresponding Secretary
Kelly Grayson	Junior Director
Martha Garner	Ten Plus Director
Kelsey Lyons	Senior Director
Barbara Culbreath*	Past President

*Absent

Guests Present: Dr. Chris Cooper, Terry Merriweather, Julie Morgan, Jan Orick, Jim Volgas

Presiding Chair: Jan Dickey, President

Minutes: Debbie Hill, Recording Secretary

PART I ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Call to order:** Jan Dickey called the meeting to order.
- B. Quorum:** A quorum was present for the meeting, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.
- C. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the June 1, 2023, board meeting were approved, as published.
- D. Extension Report and Announcements:** Deadline to return applications for the 2024 master gardener class is Friday, July 14. There are fewer applications this year because the class will be held in the morning.

PART II BOARD BUSINESS

- A. Financial Dashboard:** Treasurer Ginny Fletcher presented the June financial report.
- B. Corresponding Secretary:** Valerie sent condolence cards to James Gann and Christy Gann due to the passing of his wife and her mother, Debbie Gann. MAMG will send a \$50 memorial donation to Lakeshore Camp and Retreat Center.

C. Directors: No report.

D. Vice President: Steve Scheer noted that instead of one speaker at July's member meeting there will be six "appetizer-sized" Share and Learn presentations. The presenters are Michael Owen, Tom Rieman, Jan Orick, Jan Dickey, Laurie Williams, and Julie Morgan. Steve will ensure that a member of the AV Committee is at the meeting.

E. Suggestion Box: No suggestions.

F. President: Terry Merriweather, chairman of the Nomination Committee, attended the board meeting to discuss issues facing the committee for the 2024 election. The first issue is whether or not both Treasurer and Vice Treasurer positions are needed. The board discussed and decided both are necessary.

The second issue is what information the committee needs to give nominees. Nominees need to have a detailed list of duties and understand the time commitments. Candidates must understand that officers are on the Board, Board members are in a leadership role, and must attend all Board and member meetings. In 2024, Board meetings will be at 4:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month in the second-floor extension office meeting room. Member meetings are the second Thursday of every month. July's member meeting will not be delayed a week in 2024.

The third issue is the timing of the election process. The Nomination Committee will set the timeline and present it at the July 20 member meeting. Julie Morgan will send Terry the election form.

Social Time: We will have a Social Time quarterly in 2024, in the second month of the quarter, before the member meetings. The dates are Feb. 9, May 9, Aug. 8, and Nov. 14. The 10+, Senior, and Junior members, respectively, will supply the food with everyone supplying food in November. Only finger food is allowed, and everything must be disposable and ready to serve. Jan will add the dates for the Social Time to the website. Share and Learn will be added to meetings with a Social Time.

Misc.:

- The Member Survey is completed, and Jan will meet with Marilyn Trimble about it tomorrow.
- If you are interested in being a mentor in 2024, contact Kelly Grayson.
- TOGG selected the yards for 2024. The yards are in the Collierville area.
- The Great Tomato Contest is Saturday, July 15.
- The Website Committee is contacting everyone to ensure the committee and program information on the website is correct.

G. Website: No report.

H. Parliamentarian: No report.

I. Membership: No report.

J. Previous President: No report.

Adjournment: Jan Dickey, President, declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: August 3, 2023

Debbie Hill, Recording Secretary

Jan Dickey, President