

Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Call to Order 6:03 p.m.

President Jan Dickey called the Thursday, July 20, 2023, Memphis Area Master Gardener's meeting to order. The meeting was conducted in-person at the Agricenter.

Speaker

Vice President Steve Scheer introduced the speakers for our mini-Share and Learn presentations. The speakers were:

- Michael Owen, UT Ext./4-H Agent – 4-H Summer Camp, Corn Crib and County Fair Judges
- Tom Rieman, Speaker's Bureau
- Jan Orick, UTHort.com
- Jan Dickey, Dirt, Bugs and Drugs
- Laurie Williams, Unusual Plants
- Julie Morgan, Books and Book Club

Business Meeting

Approval of the June 1, 2023, Meeting Minutes

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

Extension Report and Remarks

Dr. Cooper reminded the members that the 2023 interns will graduate in August. He thanked Jamie Childers and his committee for the successful Great Tomato Contest.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ginny Fletcher presented the June financial report.

New Business

Terry Merriweather, Nominating Committee Chair, discussed the upcoming election of the 2024 Board. The nomination process begins August 10. The deadline for submitting nominations is Sept. 28. The committee will call nominees the last weekend in September. The election will be Thursday, Nov. 9. You may nominate yourself or others for an office.

Unfinished Business

The Annual Picnic and Volunteer Fair is at Lichterman Nature Center Thursday, Sept. 14. Sign-Up to bring a dish. Fried chicken and BBQ will be provided. Jan extended a special invitation to all interns asking them to attend.

The Social Times for 2024 member meetings and who is responsible for bringing finger foods in disposable containers are:

- Feb. 9 – 10+ Members
- May 9 – Sr. Members
- Aug. 8 – Jr. Members
- Nov. 9 – All Members (while votes are counted at the election)

No suggestions in the Suggestion Box.

Volunteer Opportunities/Announcements

The Audio/Visual Committee urgently needs more members. If interested, contact Steve or Jan.

If you would be interested in joining the book club, contact Julie Morgan via email.

If you would be interested in volunteering at the Delta Fair or Feast on the Farm, call or email Chris Cooper.

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 7:28 p.m.
Debbie Hill, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting is Thursday, August 10, 2023.