

Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 10, 2023

Call to Order 6:05 p.m.

President Jan Dickey called the Thursday, August 10, 2023, Memphis Area Master Gardener's meeting to order. The meeting was conducted in-person at the Agricenter.

Speaker

Vice President Steve Scheer introduced Jeremy French, Grasslands Ecologist from the Southeastern Grasslands Institute (Austin Peay University) who discussed the "History of Southeastern Grasslands."

Business Meeting

Approval of the July 20, 2023, Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ginny Fletcher presented the July financial report.

New Business

The revised Budget Request Forms for the 2024 Budget are available on the website and are due Oct. 1 at 5 p.m. to LeAnn Drewry.

Dawn Bain and Steve Scheer tweaked the August newsletter to make it more user friendly. Please review it and provide feedback to Dawn. Also, the group thanked Dawn for putting the newsletter together.

Unfinished Business

The Annual Picnic and Volunteer Fair is inside at Lichterman Nature Center Thursday, Sept. 14, at 5:30 p.m. 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. There will also be a plant swap inside. Bring houseplants, perennials, and bulbs (no annuals).

2024 Election forms are available on the website. The election will be Nov. 9 at the member meeting.

Intern Graduation: Bring your food donations to Hardin Hall at the Botanic Garden from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Please use disposable containers.

The Finance Committee conducted a Peer Audit Report by reviewing the record keeping and financial balances and found them to be in order.

Dr. Eugene McKenzie will present a Fern Propagation Class Wednesday, Sept. 13. The Board will pay for supplies. If interested, contact Jan Dickey.

Twenty-three people signed up for the Book Club. Two meetings at night and two during the day will be held to discuss the book. You must attend a discussion session to receive an hour's CEU.

No suggestions in the Suggestion Box.

Volunteer Opportunities/Announcements

Members who have a potential topic for a future Share and Learn Session may contact any member of the Education Committee or Vice-President Steve Scheer.

Volunteer opportunities are available at the Memphis Botanic Garden. To receive credit, the volunteer hours must be horticultural related.

Sign up to be a judge for craft items made by 4-H'ers Aug. 17.

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 7:33 p.m.
Debbie Hill, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting is Thursday, September 14, 2023, at Lichterman Nature Center