

Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Call to Order 6 p.m.

President Jan Dickey called the Thursday, February 9, 2023, Memphis Area Master Gardener's meeting to order. The meeting was conducted in-person at the Red Barn.

Speaker

Vice President Steve Scheer introduced Dale Skaggs, director of Horticulture for Dixon Gallery and Gardens, who discussed Plants of the Bible.

Business Meeting

Approval of the January 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Membership approved the minutes to the January member meeting as published, as no corrections were made.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ginny Fletcher presented the January financial report.

Extension Report

Dr. Chris Cooper recognized members with 25, 20, 15, 10 and 5 years of service. He then recognized all members for their work in 2022; members with over 100 hours of service in 2022 were honored with pins and certificates. Lastly, he honored Barbara Culbreath, past president, for her service in 2022 by adding her name to the President's Plaque.

Chris told members that the extension office will be closed until March, so do not bring anything to the office (especially for Spring Fling). The office is being painted.

President's Report

President Jan Dickey introduced the new 10+ Director, Martha Garner. As Martha is also on the Scholarship Committee, she reminded everyone that the deadline for scholarship applications is March 10.

Ginny Fletcher, the Western Regional Representative Work Group, showed members where to access a calendar of state-wide events and information/solutions to gardening problems at uthort.com and UTHort on YouTube. Contact Ginny with questions.

Spring Fling

The Photo Exhibit doesn't have any photos. Contact Julie Morgan, if you can help.

Chair Linda Mincey-Taylor advised members that they will be able to pay and pick up their T-shirts at the March member meeting. Spring Fling also needs two chairs – one for the Educational Displays and one for Vendor Committee.

Speaker's Bureau

The Speaker's Bureau provides speakers for groups and reaches thousands of people yearly. We need more speakers and topics as they have lost speakers due to attrition. The speaker's bureau also needs a co-chair. If you develop a topic/presentation, you will receive four service hours. Contact Mary Lee Hood, if you can help.

Old Business

Members volunteered for the following committees:

- Youth Education: 5 new members
- Finance Committee: Chair and two members
- Scholarship
- Historian
- Website review

Volunteer Opportunities

The newsletter editor and the parliamentarian both need assistants. Contact Dawn Bain and Jim Volgas, respectively, if you can help.

Davies Plantation is celebrating National Plant a Flower Day, March 12. Contact Kat Hansen, khansen@daviesmanor.org, if you can speak on habitat gardening or can man a booth to talk about the Master Gardener program, share seeds, etc. The shift is from 1-5 p.m.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 p.m.
Debbie Hill, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: 6 p.m., Thursday, March 9, 2023