

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 6, 2022

Start Time: 4:29 p.m.

End Time: 6:23 p.m.

Location: Agricenter Meeting Room

Board Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Barbara Culbreath	President
Jan Dickey	Vice President
Annette Dabaldo	Treasurer
Gwen Campbell	Vice Treasurer
Debbie Hill	Recording Secretary
Jane Carter	Corresponding Secretary
Rick Clayton	Junior Director
Mary Heim	Ten Plus Director
Marilyn Trimble	Senior Director
Betty Nolan	Past President

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

Presiding Chair: Barbara Culbreath, President

Minutes: Debbie Hill, Recording Secretary

PART I ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Call to order:** Barbara Culbreath 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 September 1, 2022, Board meeting were approved, with changes.
- D. Extension Report and Announcements:** Dr. Cooper introduced Michael Owen, Extension Agent responsible for 4H Youth Development, who gave a presentation on 4H Camp.

PART II BOARD BUSINESS

- A. Financial Dashboard:** Annette Dabaldo presented the September financial report. She also told the group that the greenhouse has approximately 3,500 plants. They will not be accepting dog fennel, ferns, liriope or cannas for Spring Fling.
- B. Corresponding Secretary:** Jane Carter sent condolence cards/messages to Natalie Bumgarner, Doris Wimberly and Mary Cody Page due to the passing of family members. Barbara Culbreath noted that Bill Colvard, the first MAMG president, passed away.

- C. **Directors:** Marilyn Trimble and Mary Heim didn't have any issues to report. Rick received one email from a member requesting clarification on the number of volunteer hours she needed.
- D. **Vice President:** Jan noted that the October meeting speaker will be Jill Mabry from the Memphis Botanic Garden, who will discuss Gardening to Attract Pollinators.

Jan announced that Master Gardener Presents will be Saturday, Feb. 18, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. There will be two speakers and a roundtable discussion.

The Holiday Extravaganza will be Wednesday, December 7, from 6-8 p.m. at the Memphis Botanic Garden's Hardin Hall. There will be sign-ups sheets to volunteer and bring food at the October meeting. Mary Heim will coordinate decorations. Julie Morgan will investigate an "Evite" option for RSVPs.

- E. **Suggestion Box:** There were two suggestions. One member recommended that we have our business meeting prior to the speaker when voting is required in case members leave the meeting early. The other suggestion was to have food at the meetings again. The board decided not to have food again.
- F. **President:** Barbara reminded everyone that nominations for the 2023 Board are due by noon Monday, Oct. 17. Please notify the people you are nominating first.

Barbara discussed requests from organizations asking for help. The board decided that Jan Orick can send information to the directors about volunteer opportunities that happen between meetings.

Interviews for the next intern class are due Oct. 15. The class will meet on Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. beginning the second Tuesday in January.

Barbara Culligan will present the proposed 2023 budget at the November board meeting.

2023 Spring Fling has an overall theme and T-shirt idea. Vendor applications will be available on-line this week. Linda Mincy-Taylor is securing speakers now. The committee cancelled the in-person auction. Committee members are still needed.

Members began renewing their memberships on-line Oct. 1. They will receive another reminder email Oct. 25. The committee will not collect dues in January. Members will have to see Dr. Cooper to renew. Effective Oct. 1, there is a new core project – Zoo Crew.

- G. **Website:** No report.
- H. **Membership:** No report.
- I. **Parliamentarian:** No report.

Adjournment: Barbara Culbreath, President, declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: November 3, 2022

Debbie Hill, Recording Secretary

Barbara Culbreath, President