

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2023

Start Time: 4:40 p.m.

End Time: 6:38 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, Jimmy Dickey, Jr., LeAnn Drewry, Barbara Hodges, Susie Jabbour, Kim Lane, Malinda McDaniel, 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. She introduced the new board members and thanked everyone (past and present) for their service.
- 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 November 2, 2023, board meeting were approved, as published.
- D. Extension Report and Announcements:** Jan Orick has been asked many times whether members must provide food at events. The board notes that participation is voluntary. The Extension Office will close from Dec. 22 through Jan. 2. Jan will return to the office Jan. 4. Intern class meetings begin Jan. 10. The first board meeting of 2024 will be Jan. 4.

PART II BOARD BUSINESS

- A. Membership:** Julie Morgan said that 130 members have not renewed their membership for 2024. Some who have renewed have not input hours. Their money may have to be returned to them. If the 130 members do not renew, that loss of membership amounts to \$2,400.
- B. 2024 Proposed Budget:** LeAnn Drewry presented the proposed 2024 budget. The board reviewed each line item and made suggested changes. The Finance Committee, working with the appropriate Board members,

will notify the committee making the request. The Finance Committee will present the revised proposed budget at the January 2024 board meeting.

- C. Financial Dashboard:** Treasurer Ginny Fletcher presented the November financial report.
- D. Corresponding Secretary:** Valerie Fitzgerald sent a “thinking of you” card to Barbara Culbreath. Valerie will send a condolence card to Jean Jones for the loss of her son.
- E. Directors:** A member requested that notifications of condolences include the member’s address. The board noted that addresses for members can be found on the church directory and on the website, so condolences will not include addresses.
- F. Parliamentarian:** No report.
- G. Vice President:** The January 2024 member meeting will be held at the Memphis Botanic Garden instead of at the Agricenter. Daniel Grose, the director of horticulture, will guide a walkaround prior to the meeting.
- H. Suggestion Box:** A member suggested that we use biodegradable containers at MAMG events. The board believes the change would be cost prohibitive.
- I. Website:** No report.
- J. Previous President:** No report.

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

Next Board Meeting: January 4, 2024

Debbie Hill, Recording Secretary

Jan Dickey, President