

Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 9, 2023

Call to Order 6:04 p.m.

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

Speaker

No speaker due to 2024 Board Election.

Business Meeting

Approval of the October 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes

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

Election

Jan Dickey introduced all candidates running for the 2024 Board. Members voted and the 2024 Board Members are:

President:	Steve Scheer
Vice President:	Terry Merriweather
Treasurer:	Ginny Fletcher
Vice Treasurer:	Jimmy Dickey, Jr.
Recording Secretary:	Kelly Grayson
Corresponding Secretary:	Malinda McDaniel
Ten Plus Director:	Kelsey Lyons
Senior Director:	Barbara Hodges
Junior Director:	Susie Jabbour

Share & Learn

Jan Orick explained the "Ask a Master Gardener" Program. If you would like to volunteer, contact Jan at jorick@utk.edu. Training will be provided.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ginny Fletcher presented the October financial report.

Unfinished Business

Holiday Party: The Holiday Party will be Tuesday, December 12 at the Memphis Botanic Gardens (Hardin Hall). Please sign up to bring food or to decorate a table. Tom Rieman will decorate the buffet tables. Members will be asked to donate food to the Collierville Food Pantry.

A/V Committee: Jan Dickey thanked the four members who volunteered to join the committee. They have their training and will divide the duties throughout the year.

Social Committee, i.e. The Center for Cuisine Control: Jan commended the members who volunteered. The "Center" will set up and clean up for social time at the member meetings, graduation, picnic, holiday party, etc. Marilyn Trimble will be the chair.

2024 Budget: The proposed 2024 budget has been prepared. It will be presented to the Board at the December Executive Board Meeting. The membership will vote to approve the budget at the January 2024 member meeting.

Master Gardener Presents: The event will be at Lichterman Nature Center Saturday, February 17, 2024. There will be presales for tickets. The speakers are Dr. Jared Barnes and Jason Powell.

Extension Report and Remarks

Dr. Cooper honored Steve Bates and David Sojourner for their over 15 years of service on the A/V Committee. He presented them with Certificates of Appreciation and gifts.

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 7:45 p.m.
Debbie Hill, Recording Secretary

Note: There won't be a member meeting next month due to the Holiday Party. The next member meeting is January 2024, at the Agricenter.