

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 4, 2024

Start Time: 4:35 p.m.

End Time: 6:18 p.m.

Location: Agricenter Meeting Room

Board Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Steve Scheer	President
Terry Merriweather	Vice President
Ginny Fletcher	Treasurer
Jimmy Dickey	Vice Treasurer
Kelly Grayson	Recording Secretary
Malinda McDaniel	Corresponding Secretary
Susie Jabbour	Junior Director
Barbara Hodges	Senior Director
Kelsey Lyons	Ten Plus Director
Jan Dickey	Past President

Guests Present: Dr. Chris Cooper, Julie Morgan, Jan Orick, Jim Volgas, LeAnn Drewry , Kim Lane

Presiding Chair: Steve Scheer, President **Minutes:** Kelly Grayson, Recording Secretary

- A. **Call to order:** Steve Scheer called the meeting to order
- B. **Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the December 7, 2023 board meeting were approved, as published.
- C. **Unfinished Business and General Orders**
 - a. The Finance Committee presented feedback from committees who were contacted regarding budget changes. The board discussed the proposed budget, clarified details, and tacitly approved presentation for the member meeting. A copy of the proposed budget will be sent out to members with the newsletter.
- D. **Extension Report and Announcements:** The new intern class starts on January 10, 2024.
- E. **President:** No report
- F. **Vice President:** Vice President Terry Merriweather is lining up speakers for 2024 and will ask membership for suggestions. He has confirmed Lelia Kelly for February and Dale Skaggs for March.
- G. **Treasurer:** Treasurer Ginny Fletcher presented the December financial report.
- H. **Recording Secretary:** No report

- I. Corresponding Secretary:** Corresponding Secretary Malinda McDaniel will send condolence notes to members who have suffered a loss.
- J. Directors:** No report
- K. Past President:** No report
- L. New Business:**
- a. The need to form a Publicity committee was discussed.
 - b. Status of monthly financial reports and minutes online needs to be verified.
 - c. Committee chairs need to be verified.
- M. Suggestion Box:** It was suggested that music and door prizes be included at the holiday party. The board discussed the expenses of the party that are likely unknown to members and mixed feedback received regarding music. Reply cannot be made to member as no name was included.
- N. Announcements:**

The January member meeting will be at Memphis Botanic Garden at 6:00 pm with a winter garden tour by Daniel Grose at 4:30 pm.

Master Gardeners Present will be February 17 at Lichterman Nature Center. The cost is \$10 for Master Gardeners who wear their badge and \$12 for others. It is requested that everyone brings a friend to the program. A plant sale will follow.

The February member meeting will include a presentation from the Spring Fling committee and the 10+ members will bring refreshments.

Adjournment: Steve Scheer, President, declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: February 1, 2024

Kelly Grayson, Recording Secretary

Steve Scheer, President