

Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 8, 2024

Call to Order 6:05 p.m.

President Steve Scheer called the Thursday, February 8, 2024, Memphis Area Master Gardeners' meeting to order. The meeting was conducted in-person at the Agricenter.

Speaker

Vice President Terry Merriweather introduced Dr. Lelia Scott Kelly who presented "Really Dumb Stuff We Do to Our Landscapes".

Business Meeting:

Approval of the January 11, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Membership approved the minutes of the January member meeting as published.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ginny Fletcher presented the financial report.

Extension Report and Remarks

Dr Chris Cooper recognized members who had achieved 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years in the organization. Members who worked 100 or more volunteer hours in 2023 received pins. 2023 MAMG president Jan Dickey was added to the Presidents plaque.

Announcements

Oversight of the Ask a Master Gardener and Hotline activities has moved to Extension.

The organization is long overdue to have a Public Relations Chair and Committee to make sure we are present in the public space. If any members wish to ask questions or volunteer, contact Steve Scheer.

The Member Newsletter has a new format to make it easy to quickly see what is most important with links to get more details. If members have feedback about the new format, it can be shared with Dawn Bain or Steve Scheer. If members have items to add to the newsletter, it is requested that it be given to Dawn Bain with plenty of lead time.

President Steve Scheer discussed the feedback he has received about budget items that members felt were not true to our core mission or did not reach enough of the community to warrant the expense. He explained that the board cannot make budget decisions but that

members can make a motion in advance in writing to be voted on at a member meeting.

There has been a great deal of feedback in favor of raising dues. A methodology needs to be in place for the process. The Finance Committee will do a study to determine what items the dues cover so the new amounts can be based on those figures.

Locations for member meetings is an issue this year. Any members who have suggestions for meeting places should contact Terry Merriweather.

Committee Reports

Jan Dickey gave an overview of the upcoming Master Gardeners Present on February 17th at Lichterman Nature Center and offered presale tickets.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.
Kelly Grayson, Recording Secretary