

Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 14, 2024

Call to Order 6:03 p.m.

President Steve Scheer called the Thursday, March 14, 2024, Memphis Area Master Gardeners' meeting to order. The meeting was conducted in-person at the Agricenter.

Speaker

Vice President Terry Merriweather introduced Dale Skaggs, Director of Horticulture at Dixon Gallery and Gardens, who presented "Plants that Merit Attention in Mid-South Gardens".

Business Meeting:

Approval of the February 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ginny Fletcher presented the financial report.

Committee Reports

President Steve Scheer discussed data that the Finance Committee is reviewing to make a recommendation about a future dues amount. Members were shown what dues cover now and were asked to consider what items the dues amount should cover. Members discussed ideas and asked questions. Members were reminded that it is up to them to decide what the dues should cover and to make motions for changes they feel should be made in expenditures. Information about that process is in the newsletter.

The Spring Fling committee shared several reminders about the event next weekend. Yard signs, plant markers, and health department forms were available. Food for vendor luncheons is needed. T-shirt pre-orders are available. Sign-up Genius is only 75% filled. Help is needed Saturday afternoon in several areas. Members are asked not to park around the building so ample parking is available for the public. Members were asked to distribute flyers and post to social media. Photos are needed for the photo exhibit. Home-baked goods are needed for the food booth.

Collierville Victory Garden needs help this Saturday morning at 9 a.m. to pot up plants for Spring Fling. 8-10" diameter pots are also needed.

Extension Report and Remarks

Dr Chris Cooper recognized member Susie Jabbour who appeared in *Memphis Parent* magazine for earning Outstanding Teacher of the Month for her work with developing a school garden and outdoor education opportunities. He reminded members that Spring Fling is our primary event for the public. He asked members to bring a positive attitude to participate in our 20th year of Spring Fling.

Announcements

The organization still has vacancies in Public Relations and Ways and Means. Anyone interested should contact Steve Scheer.

The Works Urban Farms has requested volunteers.

The EMG workgroup will be hosting leadership sessions. The first two will be via Zoom and the third at the conference in Franklin in October. Anyone interested should contact Ginny Fletcher.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:39 p.m.
Kelly Grayson, Recording Secretary