

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

Call to Order 6:06 p.m.

President Steve Scheer called the Thursday, April 11, 2024, Memphis Area Master Gardeners' meeting to order. The meeting was conducted in-person at the Agricenter.

Speaker

Vice President Terry Merriweather introduced Jason Reeves of the West Tennessee AgResearch & Education Center who presented "Top Performing, Easy-to-Grow Annuals and Perennials."

Business Meeting:

Approval of the March 14, 2024, Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ginny Fletcher presented the financial report.

Committee Reports

Ginny Fletcher, Education Committee Chair, shared upcoming educational opportunities that members can find by signing up for the TEMG newsletter. Upcoming events include a leadership series, vegetable growing webinar series, Friday office hours, as well as the state convention October 9-11. Some vegetable trials are still available.

Linda Phillips of the Spring Fling committee shared thanks from Kim Lane for the great selection of healthy plants members donated to the plant sale. She thanked interns and members for their great participation in a successful Spring Fling.

Tom Rieman, Through Our Garden Gates Committee Chair, encouraged members to thank the sponsors of the tour this year: Arrowhead Nursery, Dabney's, Palladio, Southern Screens, Wild Birds Unlimited, Dan West Nursery, Gurley's Nursery, Pat Williams German Auto/Racing, Best Times, Collierville Living, Memphis Magazine.

Extension Report and Remarks

Dr Chris Cooper thanked members for participating in Spring Fling and added his encouragement for members to sign up for the TEMG newsletter so they can be aware of statewide events and educational opportunities to educate themselves in order to educate the public and

fulfill our mission. He stressed the importance of MAMG members participating in the state convention and other statewide activities. Interns finished their class and have the exam next week. Mentors should check in with them. This class has been very enthusiastic and have a lot of positive energy about learning and sharing that he would like to see in the membership. Members should show their pride and excitement in being Master Gardeners.

New Business:

A motion that, "Whereas the Executive Board of Directors and Finance Committee have identified a need to raise membership dues to cover the cost of member meetings, member education, and association administration, and whereas our bylaws require a 30-day written notice before voting to raise dues, I move that we schedule a vote regarding raising dues for the June all-member meeting.", was made by Jan Dickey and seconded.

After clarification by Steve Scheer that the dues amount will be finalized and shared before the June meeting and a reminder that members can view the current budget on the website, it passed by unanimous consent.

Announcements

The next member meeting will be in the banquet room. Share & Learn will begin at 5:00 pm with Tom Rieman. Social time will begin at 5:30 with food provided by the Senior members. The regular meeting will begin at 6:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.
Kelly Grayson, Recording Secretary