

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024

Start Time: 4:37 p.m.

End Time: 6:43 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
Jan Dickey	Past President
Kelsey Lyons	Ten Plus Director
Barbara Hodges	Senior Director
Susie Jabbour	Junior Director

Guests Present: Dr. Chris Cooper, Julie Morgan, Jan Orick, Jim Volgas

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 March 7, 2024 board meeting were approved, as published.
- C. President:** No report
- D. Vice President:** Jason Reeves, horticulturalist from the West Tennessee AgResearch & Education Center, will present "Top-Performing Easy to Grow Annuals & Perennials" at the April 11 member meeting. He will offer plants for sale, check or cash only.
- E. Treasurer:** Treasurer Ginny Fletcher presented the financial report.
- F. Recording Secretary:** No report
- G. Corresponding Secretary:** No report
- H. Past President:** No report
- I. Directors:** No report
- J. Committee Reports:**

- a. Parliamentarian Jim Volgas clarified the limited powers of the board to make decisions based on our bylaws. As currently written, the board is in a management role for the organization. Bylaws can be changed by membership. Putting a motion on the floor opens discussion of the topic of the motion.
- b. Julie Morgan of the website and membership committees said that several changes are occurring on the website. Any member with difficulties finding information on the website should email the webmaster with detailed information about the problem.

K. Unfinished Business:

- a. President Steve Scheer shared feedback from members and Finance Committee about various options for dues increases. Because a vote to increase dues requires a 30-day written notice to members, the board decided to begin planning for that vote. A motion to set the vote date will occur in the April member meeting.

L. New Business:

- a. The Board decided to combine the September potluck and the December holiday social into one event in October. This will reduce administrative expenses and is a response to members who have suggested moving the holiday social out of December. The October event will still include the volunteer fair component. Date and location to be determined.

M. Extension Report and Announcements: For Food Waste Prevention Week, the UT Extension Family Consumer Agents are organizing a state-wide food drive April 1-14. Members are asked to bring non-perishable food items to the next meeting.

Dr Cooper emphasized the importance of MAMG members participating in statewide Extension events and utilizing Extension resources to full advantage. He discussed the need for members to remember the mission and purpose of the Master Gardener organization in educating themselves so they can educate the public. Members need to sign up for the Extension newsletters and take advantage of the educational opportunities. It is important for a larger percentage of members to be involved more fully.

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

Next Board Meeting: May 2, 2024

Kelly Grayson, Recording Secretary

Steve Scheer, President