

Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Call to Order 6:10 p.m.

President Steve Scheer called the Thursday, June 13, 2024, Memphis Area Master Gardeners' meeting to order. The meeting was conducted in-person at the Agricenter.

Business Meeting:

Approval of the May 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ginny Fletcher presented the financial report.

Committee Reports

Ginny Fletcher, TEMG Regional Representative, reminded members about the State Conference October 10-12. Registration is expected to open next week. Search for Excellence awards will be presented at the conference and include both service project awards and individual awards for volunteers and contributing partners. Nominations must be submitted by July 31.

Kelly Grayson, Mentor Program Coordinator, shared the importance of a strong mentor program for interns. To expand and improve the program, she is forming a committee to run the mentor program going forward. Interested members should contact her to be a mentor and/or work on the committee.

Junior Master Gardener Camp Director Steve Scheer introduced one of the camp participants, who shared her enthusiasm for the week's camp. MAMG members are welcome to come by camp to see for themselves, or to help plan next year's camp. Steve also stated that he'd be interested in developing a year-round JMG program, which is one of our CoRe programs, and any members who are interested in discussing that may contact him.

Extension Report and Remarks

Dr Chris Cooper thanked members for participating in Through Our Garden Gates. Intern graduation will be August 22nd at Dixon Gallery and Gardens. Feast on the Farm will be held August 3 and needs volunteers. This is an Agricenter fundraiser and Dr Cooper encouraged members to support their efforts as they have supported our organization.

All members are asked to submit their hours served so far this year by July 31.

Business:

Jimmy Dickey made the motion, "I move to adopt the recommendation by the board to increase dues to \$45 per year". The motion passed with 99 members voting for the motion and 3 against.

Announcements

The next book club will read and discuss *Passalong Plants* by Steve Bender and Felder Rushing.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:39 p.m.
Kelly Grayson, Recording Secretary