

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024

Start Time: 4:41 p.m.

End Time: 5:20 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
Kelly Grayson	Recording Secretary
Malinda McDaniel	Corresponding Secretary
Kelsey Lyons	Ten Plus Director
Barbara Hodges	Senior Director
Susie Jabbour	Junior Director

Guests Present: 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 April 4, 2024 board meeting were approved, as published.
- C. **Extension Report and Announcements:** Jan Orick shared that the interns have finished their last project at Collierville Victory Garden and preparations for graduation at Dixon are underway.
- D. **President:** No report
- E. **Vice President:** At the May 9 member meeting, Erika Moore-Pollard, PhD, Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Memphis and Mike Ballou, MS, Collection Manager at the University of Memphis Herbarium will present “Herbaria : The foundation of plant research”, an introduction of what is an Herbarium and how it has been able to be used for research in Taxonomy (Classification) and conservation in the Sunflower family.
- F. **Treasurer:** Treasurer Ginny Fletcher presented the financial report.
- G. **Recording Secretary:** No report
- H. **Corresponding Secretary:** Corresponding Secretary Malinda McDaniel sent condolence notes to members and member families who have suffered a loss.
- I. **Directors:** No report

J. Business:

- a. The board will need to finalize the suggested dues amount at the next board meeting.
- b. Memphis Botanic Garden will make a room available for the October Social. It will be on October 17th since the State Conference is the previous week at the usual meeting time. The Volunteer Fair can be moved to the November meeting.
- c. The May meeting will have Share & Learn at 5:00 pm, social time at 5:30 pm, and meeting at 6:00 pm.
- d. A suggestion was anonymously made to the board to provide a print-out of the Treasurer's report at each meeting. Since the report is available online and the board is trying to reduce costs, it was decided that it not be printed.
- e. A special committee was established for Bylaws & Rules. Interested members should contact Steve Scheer
- f. The board will be voting on the Nominating/Election Committee at the next board meeting. Board members are asked to bring in 2 nominees for that vote.

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

Next Board Meeting: June 6, 2024

Kelly Grayson, Recording Secretary

Steve Scheer, President