

Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 11, 2024

Call to Order 6:12 p.m.

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

Business Meeting:

Approval of the June 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ginny Fletcher presented the financial report.

Committee Reports

Ginny Fletcher, TEMG Regional Representative, reminded members to sign up for the TEMG State Conference, Oct. 9-11. Participants may register, pay fees, and make hotel reservations at mastergardener.tennessee.edu. Registration should be submitted by August 31, 2024

Steve Scheer, Bylaws and Rules Committee Chair, reported that a temporary committee is reviewing the standing committee section of the bylaws to ensure they describe how we operate. The committee will prepare recommendations for the membership to vote on at a future meeting.

Vice President Terry Merriweather introduced the Nomination Committee for the November election. The members are Linda Pittman and Kandi Reilly, co-chairs, Mike Coop, Paula Pilgrim, Marilyn Trimble, with Amie Plumley as an alternate. Information about the nomination process and job descriptions will be available at the August meeting.

Jamie Childers, Great Tomato Contest Chair, reported that the Tomato Contest will be Saturday, July 20 at the Red Barn. Registration for this free event is from 9-11 a.m. with judging from 12-3 p.m.

Genie Ashworth, Mary Wade Scholarship Committee Chair, announced the winners of the 2024 scholarships: Leon Aldridge, Elea Corson, Jordan Kirby, and Drew Sullivan.

Jan Dickey of the Graduation Committee reported that plans for intern graduation on Thursday, August 22 at the Dixon Gallery and Gardens are underway and under budget. She requested that members sign up to

bring food, for which they will receive one service hour. Mentors, interns and two family members are invited to attend.

Extension Report and Remarks

Dr Chris Cooper thanked members and interns for supporting him when he spoke at the Dixon. He reminded members that our 2024 interns graduate in August. Twenty-one applicants for the 2025 intern class attended a Q&A to learn about the Master Gardener program.

Announcements

Steve Scheer announced that the September picnic and the Christmas party will be combined into a Harvest event which will be held on Tuesday, October 15 at the Botanic Garden (Hardin Hall). Members will be able to bring a guest. Food sign-up will be available at the next meeting.

The next member meeting will be held on August 8, with a social time at 5:30. Food will be provided by the Junior members.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:52 p.m.
Kelly Grayson, Recording Secretary