

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, July 1, 2024

Start Time: 4:36 p.m.

End Time: 5:19 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
Barbara Hodges	Senior Director
Kelsey Lyons	Ten Plus Director

Guests Present: Dr. Chris Cooper, 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 June 6, 2024 board meeting were approved, as published.
- C. **Extension Report and Announcements:** Dr. Chris Cooper reported that interns were turning in their hours and preparing for graduation. Applications and requests for information for the Master Gardener program have been pouring in. A Q & A is scheduled for next week for those interested in the program.
- D. **President:** No report
- E. **Vice President:** Ben Vaughn of the Center for Culinary Cultivation will present, "Micro-herbs, Vegetables, and Greens" at the member meeting on July 11, 2024. The nomination committee will meet next week to choose a team lead.
- F. **Treasurer:** Financial documents were not received in time for a Treasurer report.
- G. **Recording Secretary:** No report
- H. **Corresponding Secretary:** Sympathy cards were sent to members who have suffered a loss.
- I. **Directors:** No report

J. Committee Reports:

- a. Jan Dickey of the Graduation Committee reported that the committee is ahead of schedule and on budget for the ceremony to be held at Dixon Gallery & Gardens on August 22, 2024. Food sign-up for graduation will be at the July meeting.
- b. Steve Scheer of the Bylaws & Rules Special Committee reported that the committee had its first meeting on June 24. The committee is reviewing all standing committees to determine if any should be added or removed, or if their descriptions need to be updated. Members will be updated on the progress of this work at the July meeting.

K. Business:

- a. The Executive Board finalized plans to combine the September and December socials into a single event in October. It will be held on Tuesday, October 15 at Memphis Botanic Garden, and will be similar to the usual December Social. Options for holding a volunteer fair outside of this event are being considered. This change is in response to feedback from the Executive Board and members about the costs and efforts to hold two events, the general unavailability of free/low cost meeting space in December, and feedback from members that they have busy holiday season schedules. Members will be updated on these plans at the July meeting.

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

Next Board Meeting: August 1, 2024

Kelly Grayson, Recording Secretary

Steve Scheer, President