

Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 9, 2025

Call to Order 6:02 p.m.

President Terry Meriweather called the Thursday, January 9, 2025 meeting to order. The meeting was conducted in person at the Agricenter.

Speaker

Vice President Rick Clayton introduced Anne Ballentine, Native Plant Curator at Memphis Botanic Garden, who presented some of the beautiful plants that will be available at MBG's Spring Plant Sale. Anne also gave a brief update on her work with Tennessee Plant Conservation Alliance.

Business Meeting:

Approval of the December 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Outgoing Treasurer, Ginny Fletcher, presented the financial report.

Extension Report and Remarks

Dr. Chris Cooper shared a lively overview of his recent presentation to the Shelby County Commission in his role as UT-TSU Extension Shelby County Director.

Terry Merriweather reminded members to purchase tickets for Master Gardeners Present which go on sale January 20, 2025. Approximately 150 tickets will be available for non-Dixon members.

Committee Reports

Spring Fling: Debbie Grist-Evans reminded members of the Workshop on January 14 from 11a.m.-1p.m. She stated all requested supplies have been received.

Announcements

Furniss Harkness announced that the Memphis Area Beekeeper Association will offer the 60th Annual Beekeeper Short Course/How to Raise Honey Bees on January 25, 2025, from 7am to 4pm at 8150 Walnut Grove in Cordova. Cost is \$15 and includes the course, lunch, and a 1-year membership.

Horticulture Therapy Volunteers- Please note the corrected dates:

1/14/25-Applegrove Alzheimer's and Dementia, Memphis

1/21/25-Foxridge Assisted Living, Bartlett

1/28/25-Ciel Senior Living, Collierville

Tom Rieman stated that remaining "Gardening in the Mid-South" Calendars are available to be donated to an organization or facility in need of them. He also asked for Membership input of original articles and volunteers for a committee working to develop a new public educational newsletter.

Daniel Stewart brought seed packets donated by Lowes to share with members.

Terry Meriweather stated his intention to have a meeting of all Standing Committee Chairs soon.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 p.m.
Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary