

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 4, 2025

Start Time: 4:30 p.m.

End Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Agricenter Meeting Room

Board Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Terry Merriweather	President
Rick Clayton	Vice President
Jimmy Dickey	Treasurer
Cindy Smith	Vice Treasurer
*Paula Pilgrim	Recording Secretary
Suzanne Shown	Corresponding Secretary
Cheryl Lockhart	Ten Plus Director
Barbara Hodges	Senior Director
Christy Gann	Junior Director
Steve Scheer	Past President
*absent	

Guests Present: Dr. Chris Cooper, Jan Orick, Julie Morgan

Presiding Chair: Terry Merriweather, President

Minutes: Suzanne Shown, Corresponding Secretary

- A. **Call to order:** Terry Merriweather called the meeting to order.
- B. **Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the January 2, 2025 board meeting were approved, as published.
- C. **Extension Report and Announcements:** Dr. Cooper reported that the intern classes are going well. There will be a regional conference this year rather than a state conference which is held every other year. The regional directors are planning a day long bus tour visiting area agricultural sites.
- D. **President:** Terry reported that he met with the Community Chairs/Project coordinators. Going forward he will receive quarterly activity reports from each committee. Additionally, a committee chair/project lead will make a brief presentation at the monthly membership meetings.
- E. **Vice President:** Rick reported on details for the February 13 membership meeting. It will be held at Memphis Botanic Garden. A Valentine wine and chocolate reception from 5:30-6:00 pm will be followed by a presentation by Mary Helen Butler, Asst. Director MBG. The business meeting will follow. Speakers for March through June meetings have been selected. Topics are being discussed and finalized.
The speaker for the March membership meeting is Celeste Luckey Scott, Horticulture Extension Agent from Jackson Tn. Junior members are to provide food.

F. Treasurer: No report.

G. Corresponding Secretary: Suzanne Shown reported that condolences were sent to the wife and family of Ian Edwards.

H. Directors: No reports

I. Committee Reports: Julie Morgan of membership committee reported the active member count of 350 and 42 interns. All are on the directory app.

J. Announcements: Terry reminded that the Spring Fling needs donations for the Silent Auction

K. New Business: An Inclement Weather Policy for membership meetings was discussed. It was decided that in the event of inclement weather the policy will be to follow the Memphis/Shelby County Schools.

There was also a discussion regarding whether to have food at the membership meetings. It was decided to have food at every third meeting beginning in March 2025. Food will be provided on a rotating basis in the following order- Juniors-Seniors-10+.

Adjournment: Terry Merriweather, President, declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: March 6, 2025, 4:30pm

Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary

Terry Merriweather, President