

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025

Start Time: 4:28 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, Julie Morgan, Kim Lane

Presiding Chair: Terry Merriweather, President

Minutes: Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary

- A. Call to order:** Terry Merriweather called the meeting to order.
- B. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the February 6, 2025 board meeting were approved, as published.
- C. Extension Report and Announcements:** Dr. Cooper distributed fliers for the 2025 4-H Junior Summer Camp. They are currently taking "early bird" registrations. As part of Extension Month, he also acknowledged the outstanding service of Jan Orick to the extension. He plans to continue to meet with the Shelby County Commissioners.
- D. President:**
- E. Vice President:** Rick reported on details for the March 13 membership meeting. The speaker is Celeste Luckey Scott, Horticulture Extension Agent from Jackson Tn. She will present Part 2 of Landscape Solutions focusing on deciduous and flowering shrubs. Junior members are to provide food.
- F. Treasurer:** No report.
- G. Corresponding Secretary:** Suzanne Shown reported that thank you notes were received from the family of Ian Edwards.
- H. Directors:** No report

- I. Committee Reports:** Julie Morgan of membership and website committees reported 350 active members, 42 interns, and 1 probationary member. She also reported that Ashley Burnett is in the process of moving and may be slow to respond to requests. She stated that photos are needed for the Spring Fling photo exhibit. There will also be a brief presentation at the membership meeting from the 3 chairs for the Oaklawn Garden and Arboretum.

Kim Lane of Spring Fling committee presented a fund-raising opportunity with Proven Winners Direct. After review and discussion of details a vote was taken. The project was approved. Details will be forthcoming on the website.

Steven Scheer distributed recommendations to update MAMG bylaws -Standing Committees. These will be discussed at the next board meeting.

- J. Announcements:** The membership received an invitation to the Rutherford County MG plant swap April 26, 9-11 am. This will be shared with membership by the directors.

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

Next Board Meeting: April 3, 2025

Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary

Terry Merriweather, President