

## **Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Thursday, May 1, 2025

**Start Time:** 4:30 p.m.

**End Time:** 5:28 p.m.

**Location:** Agriculture Meeting Room

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| 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          |

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

**Presiding Chair:** Terry Merriweather, President

**Minutes:** Paula Pilgrim, recording Secretary

- A. Call to Order:** Terry Merriweather call the meeting to order.
- B. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the April 9, 2025, meeting were approved as published.
- C. Extension Report and Announcements:** Dr. Cooper reported that the recent 4-H Staff Retreat was a success. He would like to see the Master Gardeners increase their support of the 4-H programs. An upcoming opportunity is the 4-H Junior Summer Camp, May 26-30.

- D. President:** Terry Merriweather reminded the board of Julie Morgan's upcoming move to Knoxville, TN. He enumerated several of her many contributions to MAMG since 2004. Julie will send a challenge to Master Gardeners to increase their commitment to MAMG and to our community. This will be shared with members through the Directors' newsletters. Linda Weiss will assume Julie's position on the Membership committee.
- E. Vice President:** Rick Clayton reported that the speaker for the May MAMG member meeting is Dale Skaggs, Director of Horticulture at Dixon Gallery and Gardens. He will speak on "The Dixon-50 Years of Gardening and Plant Collection".
- F. Treasurer:** Jimmy Dickey gave a brief financial overview of the ongoing work following Spring Fling. He plans to update members with the caveat that final numbers will not be available until the June meeting at the earliest.
- G. Recording Secretary:** no report
- H. Corresponding Secretary:** no report
- I. Directors:** no report
- J. Committee Reports:**
- a. Membership Committee** -Julie Morgan reported that current membership is 348.
  - b. Bylaws and Rules Special Committee-** Steven Scheer noted that the vote to update MAMG bylaws will occur at the May member meeting. These updates have been previously shared with the board as well as with membership. A quorum is required for these changes to pass.
  - c. Scholarship Committee-** Genie Ashworth opened a dialogue that the family of deceased member, Pam Denny, is exploring the possibility of a scholarship in her memory. Details will be discussed in the future once the family has processed through their grief.
- K. New Business-**Due to the Western Region Garden Tour the June membership meeting will be held June 17, 2025, at the Agricenter at 6 pm.

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

**Next Board Meeting:** June 5, 2025, at 4:30 pm