

Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Call to Order 6:03 pm

Terry Meriweather called the Thursday May 8, 2025, meeting to order. The meeting was conducted in person at the Agricenter.

Speaker

Vice President, Rick Clayton, introduced Dale Skaggs, Director of Horticulture at Dixon Gallery and Gardens. He spoke on "The Dixon-50 Years of Gardening and Plant Collecting".

Business Meeting:

Approval of the April 2025 Meeting Minutes

Membership approved the minutes of the April 10, 2025 member meeting as published.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Jimmy Dickey, presented the financial report. Due to outstanding Spring Fling expenses a final accounting of that event will be available at the June 2025 member meeting.

Extension Report and Remarks

Dr. Cooper noted that the 2025 Interns were represented at the meeting. He also recognized Rosa Garcia of the 2025 class who is Landscape Specialist at the Agricenter. Her many projects are open to Master Gardeners. Dr. Cooper also recognized Julie Morgan for more than 20 years of service to MAMG. Julie's extensive areas of service include Membership Committee, Oaklawn, and Intern mentor, as well as many others.

Committee Reports

Spring Fling: Ginny Fletcher, Spring Fling chairperson, expressed gratitude to the members for their role in making Spring Fling a success despite the prior cancellation and abbreviation to one day. Kim Lane stated that the Plant Sale area was abundant. She received many complements on the variety, size, and excellent quality of the plants produced exclusively by Master Gardeners.

Membership: Julie Morgan reported that her position will be assumed by Linda Weiss.

Bylaws: Steven Scheer briefly reviewed the recommendations to update the bylaws specifically with respect to Executive Board and Elections. Recommendations had been distributed at prior meetings and are published on the MAMG website. Article V Sections 3, 4, 7, and 11 were passed by show of hands. Three recommendations regarding elections (Article V Section 2 and 10, and Article VII) were postponed indefinitely.

Announcements

Junior Master Gardener Camp-Steven Scheer reminded that this event is June 9-13. Volunteers are needed.

Proven Winners Fund Raiser-Kim Lane noted that the fund raiser ends May 9. To date this has produced \$300 of revenue for MAMG.

Next Meeting-June 17, 2025, is a social and meeting with the Seniors providing food for members beginning at 5:30 pm, with meeting to begin at 6 pm at the Agricenter.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary