

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 5, 2025

Start Time: 4:34 pm

End Time: 5:27 pm

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

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 May 8, 2025, board meeting were approved, as published.
- C. Extension Report and Announcements:** Dr. Cooper reported that the application process for the 2026 MAMG Intern class is open. This will be a daytime class. Applications are due July 11, 2025. He also shared that Justin Rhinehart, PhD has been named the Dean of UT Extension.
- D. President:** Rick Clayton reported that Dr. David Mercker will speak at the June Member meeting. A professional forester and educator, Dr. Mercker currently serves as UT Extension Forester.
- E. Treasurer:** Jimmy Dickey gave the financial report. He will present a full report on Spring Fling to members at the June 17 meeting. He plans to address questions regarding the financial impact of the weather-related delay and abbreviated schedule.
- F. Recording Secretary:** No report

G. Corresponding Secretary: No report

H. Directors: No report

I. Committee Reports: Membership Committee is now led by Linda Weiss as Julie Morgan has moved. Membership is currently 349 total members.

J. New Business: Terry Merriweather reminded the Board that nominations for the 2026 Board are approaching. He suggested that the rules used in 2023 be used, as the work on the Bylaws remains in progress. The Nominating Committee consists of a coordinator as well as 5 members. Terry volunteered to serve as coordinator. Each current board member is asked to submit 1-2 nominees for the Nominating Committee by June 27. He reminded that nominees are to be contacted beforehand and agree to serve if selected. Additionally, volunteers will be encouraged at the next member meeting.

K. Organization Updates and Announcements: The June 17 member meeting will be held in the Agricenter Amphitheater at 6pm with refreshments provided by Seniors. The Junior Master Gardener camp is June 9-13. Summer Celebration is July 10 in Jackson. Graduation of the 2025 class is August 21 at the Dixon. Details to follow.

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

Next Board Meeting: July 3, 2025

Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary

Terry Merriweather, President