

# **Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes**

## **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**

### **Call to Order 6:03 PM**

Terry Merriweather called the Tuesday June 17, 2025, meeting to order. The meeting was conducted in person at the Agricenter.

### **Speaker**

Vice President Rick Clayton introduced Dr. David Mercker, Extension Forester, University of Tennessee who spoke about Problematic Trees to Avoid in the Landscape Setting.

### **Business Meeting:**

#### **Approval of the Meeting Minutes**

Membership approved the minutes of the May member meeting as published.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Jimmy Dickey, presented the financial report.

#### **Extension Report and Remarks**

Dr. Chris Cooper reminded membership that the following website provides access to the MAMG newsletter as well as other activities throughout the state. <http://mastergardener.tennessee.edu>

He also reported that applications are now open for the 2026 MAMG intern class and are due by July 11, 2025.

Terry Merriweather introduced Mark Simi of the Memphis Garden Fling Committee. He expressed appreciation to MAMG members who were instrumental in making The Fling weekend a success for the community as they welcomed visitors from across the country.

### **Committee Reports**

**Membership:** There are currently 349 active members.

**Junior Master Gardener Camp:** Steve Scheer and Debbie Grist-Evans reported that this year's event was well-attended and experience-driven with many hands-on activities. They encouraged members to consider starting 1-2 grow bags for the 2026 JMG Camp.

### **Organization Update**

**MAMG 2025 Intern Graduation:** Graduation is Thursday, August 21, 2025, at the Dixon Gallery and Gardens. Volunteers are needed for the reception which follows. There are opportunities to provide food as well as to serve.

**MAMG Nominating Committee:** Please consider serving on the Nominating Committee for the MAMG Executive Board 2026. This is a short-term commitment to select the slate for the 2026 Board.

**Announcements:**

**The Zoo Crew** is seeking more volunteers. Please contact Isobel Ritch or Christy Gann for more information.

**The Great Tomato Contest** will be held July 19, 2025, at the Red Barn at the Agricenter. Please grow and enter your tomatoes. Contact Jamie Childers for more information.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:31PM  
Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary