

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 3, 2025

Start Time: 4:28 p.m.

End Time: 5:32 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

Guests Present: 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 June 5, 2025, board meeting were approved, as published.
- C. Extension Report and Announcements:** Jan Orick, at the request of Dr. Cooper, reminded the board that 2025 marks the 30th anniversary of Master Gardeners in Shelby County. She stated that Dr. Cooper suggested a celebration of this milestone to include past presidents of the organization. After discussion it was decided that this would be a part of the October celebration which is in the preliminary stages of planning.
- D. President:** Terry Merriweather reported the names of the nominees for the Nominating Committee for the 2026 Executive Board. After discussion ballots were passed to the current board, marked, and votes tallied. The selected members of the Nominating Committee are Kandi Reilly, Linda Pittman, Mildred Saulsberry, Lynn Chambers, Lora Thomas, Marilyn Trimble, and Debbie Hill (alternate).
- E. Vice President:** Rick Clayton reported that the speaker for the July membership meeting is Jim Crowder. Jim is a nursery man and co-hosts the video series "Gardening in the Mid-South." Rick also reports ongoing difficulty scheduling a venue for the October Celebration. He will continue to explore other options while awaiting response from those contacted.

- F. Treasurer:** Jimmy Dickey presented the financial report. He stated that he plans a presentation to membership regarding Spring Fling 2025 at the July meeting.
- G. Recording Secretary:** no report
- H. Corresponding Secretary:** Suzanne Shown sent condolences to the family of Laura Couloubaritis upon the passing of her father.
- I. Directors:** No reports
- J. Committee Reports:**
a. Membership Committee- Terry Merriweather reported in Linda Weiss' absence that current membership stands at 349.

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

Next Board Meeting: August 7, 2025

Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary

Terry Merriweather, President