

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 7, 2025

Start Time: 4:34 p.m.

End Time: 6:01 p.m.

Location: Agricenter Meeting Room

Board Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Terry Merriweather	President
Rick Clayton	Vice President
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, Jan Dickey, Ashley Burnette

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 July 3, 2025, board meeting were approved, as published.
- C. Extension Report and Announcements:** Dr. Cooper shared a thank-you note from the family of Ian Edwards. He also reported that Feast on the Farm enjoyed an excellent attendance with MAMG members and Interns participating and volunteering. He informed the board that UT Martin is developing a satellite campus on the Germantown property of Melanie Smith Taylor which will include equestrian, veterinary science and agriculture related science. Dr. Cooper also discussed the impact of the elimination of the SNAP Education Program funding on the UT Extension as well as the loss of staff. He announced that Micah Davis, graduate of Bolton HS, is the new 4H agent. He reminded the board of the upcoming 30th Anniversary of MAMG as an organization.
- D. President:** Terry Merriweather announced that Jimmy Dickey has resigned from the office of treasurer. Cindy Smith, vice treasurer, is working with Ginny Fletcher to complete the report for membership on Spring Fling as well as ongoing monthly reports.

E. Vice President: Rick Clayton announced that the speaker for the August membership meeting is William Brussel Martin, owner of Brussel's Bosai. He will speak on "The Art of Bonsai".

F. **Treasurer:** No report

G. **Recording Secretary:** No report

H. **Corresponding Secretary:** Condolence cards were sent to those experiencing a loss.

I. **Committee Reports**

Membership: Linda Weiss reported via email that membership is currently 349 members.

J. **New Business:** Jan Dickey presented a new educational program, "Each One Teach One", offered to members only. This is under development to better fulfill the educational mission of Master Gardeners by generating enthusiasm, educating and equipping members, and informing members of volunteer opportunities endorsed by MAMG. More information is forthcoming. A survey of topics for this day of education event will be distributed at the next membership meeting.

K. **Announcement**

Due to recent reports of scam activity among membership, an email is being sent to all members reminding them of safe practices when receiving unexpected communication from any entity such as Evite or Punchbowl.

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

Next Board Meeting: September 4, 2025 (location TBD)

Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary

Terry Merriweather, President