

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025

Start Time: 4:37 p.m.

End Time: 5:45 p.m.

Location: Agricenter Meeting Room

Board Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Terry Merriweather	President
Rick Clayton	Vice President
Cindy Smith	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, LeAnn Drewry (Vice Treasurer 2026), Ricky Clarke (Jr. Director 2026), Debbie Hill (Sr. Director 2026), Christina Clapsadle (parliamentarian), Jan Dickey

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 November 6, 2025, board meeting were approved, as published.
- C. Extension Report and Announcements:** Jan Orick reported that the 2026 Intern class begins January 7, 2026. There will be a mentor meeting on December 10, 2025, in preparation.
- D. President:** No report
- E. Vice President:** Rick Clayton reported that the speaker for the December membership meeting will be Robin Howell, Curator of the Japanese Garden at Memphis Botanic Garden. He will speak on "The History of Japanese Gardens and What is New Memphis Botanic Garden".
- F. Treasurer:** Cindy Smith presented the financial report.
- G. Corresponding Secretary:** No report

H. Directors: No reports

I. Committee Reports

Membership: Terry Merriweather reported on behalf of Linda Weiss that there are currently 382 active members.

Bylaws and Standing Rules Special Committee: Steve Scheer, chair, reported that the updates which were previously presented will be voted upon at January membership meeting. These can be reviewed on the MAMG website.

Day of Education: Jan Dickey, chair, reported that registration for the event opens on the MAMG website on January 9, 2026, at 7AM, and will close on February 9, 2026. Maximum capacity is 200 for this members-only event.

Finance: LeAnn Drewry, chair, presented the proposed 2026 MAMG budget. After discussion of several line items the budget was accepted for presentation to membership at the December meeting.

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

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 4:30pm

Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary

Terry Merriweather, President