

Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 15, 2026

Call to Order 6:02 PM

President Rick Clayton called the Thursday, January 15, 2026, meeting to order. The meeting was conducted in person at the Agricenter.

Speaker

Vice President Jan Dickey introduced Ryan Pudwell who spoke about "The Search for Interesting Native Plants in the Mid-South".

Business Meeting:

Approval of the December 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Cindy Smith, presented the December financial report as well as the Budget vs. Actual expenditures for 2025. These will be published on the MAMG website.

Extension Report and Remarks

Jan Orick, mentor coordinator, reported that the 2026 intern class of 42 members has begun classes. She requests notification of any volunteer opportunities to assist the class with their volunteer hour requirements.

Dr. Chris Cooper welcomed members of the 2025 MAMG class. He strongly encouraged all members to visit the website to review the bylaws, and to identify opportunities for service. He noted that the website has been updated with the Year in Review report as well as a new TEMG data base. Lastly, he expressed condolences to members/ former members recently deceased.

Special Order of Business

Steve Scheer, chair of Bylaws and Rules Special Committee, reviewed the proposed changes for each affected Article. These were previously presented and published on the website. Questions were addressed. A vote was conducted on each Article by a show of hands after ascertaining a quorum was present. The changes were accepted as previously published.

Committee Reports

Spring Fling: Ginny Fletcher, chair, reminded members of the March 28, 2026, event from 9am to 4pm indoors at the Agricenter. She gave an overview of the layout for booths, education, vendors, demonstrations, and speakers. Additionally, she asked that donations of magazines include only horticultural publications. Set up for the event is Friday, March 27, from 8am to 5pm. She reported that the new MAMG tee shirts are expected for purchase in February.

Kim Lane, who heads the plant sale for Spring Fling, stated that annuals and indoor plants, as well as perennials, will be accepted. Label sticks for all plants will be available and require only the plants' common name.

Day of Education: Jan Dickey, chair, expressed thanks to the Day of Education committee, and to those who have purchased tickets. She reminded that there will be an associated food drive. Especially needed are peanut butter and canned meats. Volunteers are needed for the day of the event.

Announcements

Daniel Stewart brought seed packets donated by Lowes to share with members.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary