

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 8, 2026

Start Time: 4:29 p.m.

End Time: 5:28 p.m.

Location: Agricenter Meeting Room

Board Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Rick Clayton	President
Jan Dickey	Vice President
Cindy Smith	Treasurer
LeAnn Drewry	Vice Treasurer
Paula Pilgrim	Recording Secretary
Barbara Hodges	Corresponding Secretary
Cheryl Lockhart	Ten Plus Director
Debbie Hill	Senior Director
Ricky Clarke	Junior Director
Terry Merriweather	Past President

Guests Present: Dr. Chris Cooper, Jan Orick, Christina Clapsadle

Presiding Chair: Rick Clayton, President

Minutes: Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary

- A. Call to order:** Rick Clayton called the meeting to order.
- B. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the December 4, 2025, board meeting were approved, as published.
- C. Extension Report and Announcements:** Jan Orick reviewed the scheduled location for member meetings for the first quarter 2026. The January meeting will be held in the banquet room; February and March will be in the Agricenter amphitheater. She reported that a new Agricenter employee will handle the audiovisual needs. Additionally, she reported that the 43 members of the 2026 intern class began on January 7, 2026.
Dr. Cooper shared the Impact Summary which will be published on the MAMG website.
- D. Vice President:** Jan Dickey reported that the January member meeting speaker will be Ryan Pudwell. He will speak on "The Search for Interesting Native Plants in the Mid-South".

Jan reminded that registration for Day of Education opens at 7AM on January 9, 2026, on the MAMG website.

She also proposed that the board reduce the number of door prizes at member meetings in the interest of budget reduction. After discussion it was agreed to have one door prize at each first quarter meeting consisting of a \$25 gift card to the Spring Fling plant sale.

- E. Treasurer:** Cindy Smith presented the financial report and the 2025 Profit and Loss report. After discussion it was agreed that the current Year to Date expenditures compared to budget will be presented at each member meeting.
- F. Recording Secretary:** No report
- G. Corresponding Secretary:** Barbara Hodges requested assistance from the Directors regarding condolences. She asked that each Director include in their newsletter a reminder to their constituents to inform the Director of any member's passing or hospitalization.
- H. Directors:** Ten Plus Director, Cheryl Lockhart, noted that several of her constituents are confused about their required hours. Dr. Cooper plans to address these concerns at the January member meeting.
- I. Committee Reports:** None
- J. Past President:** Terry Merriweather noted the format for logging volunteer hours has changed.
- K. President:** Rick Clayton announced that Christina Clapsadle has been appointed as parliamentarian for 2026.
He also announced that quarterly refreshments for member meetings will be deferred until April due to the meeting location. The schedule is as follows: April-Ten Plus, July-Seniors, September-Juniors, November-all members (election).
Rick also reported that the December food drive fed more than 100 individuals with total donations of 250 pounds of food.
- L. Announcements:** Christina Clapsadle noted that a quorum of 18% is required for the vote on amendments to the bylaws. A 2/3 majority is required for approval of the amendments.

Adjournment: Rick Clayton, President, declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: February 12, 2026

Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary

Rick Clayton, President