

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Meeting
Thursday, April 9, 2026

Call to Order: 6:05 PM.

President Rick Clayton called the meeting on April 9, 2026, to order. The meeting was conducted in person at the Agricenter.

Adoption of Minutes: Approval of March 12, 2026, Meeting Minutes

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

Speaker Introduction – Rick Clayton

President Rick Clayton introduced Kim Bearden, Executive Director of Elmwood Cemetery who spoke on “Elmwood Cemetery and the Rural Cemetery Movement”.

Committee Reports

Treasurer’s Report – Cindy Smith, Treasurer, presented the financial report.

Spring Fling – Kim Lane/Jane Dickey

Thanks were expressed to all who participated to make Spring Fling a success. The chairs of each part of the event were congratulated on their success. Membership was reminded that this is an educational event, and that the money raised was an extra benefit. Spring Fling Committee asks for ideas or suggestions on ways to improve Spring Fling. Feedback should be sent to the Spring Fling committee chairs.

Extension Report

Jessica Maestas/Jan Orick

Apologizes were expressed for Dr. Chris Cooper’s absence at the meeting. He was disappointed that he couldn’t make it but had to attend a mandatory County Commissioners’ meeting.

Members were reminded to stay current by inputting hours into TEMG. At any given time, Dr. Cooper may need to pull a real time report.

Jessica reminded members to use the submission form when putting information on the website. Please email Ashley Burnett directly regarding needed corrections..

The website: <http://mastergardener.tennessee.edu> will give members access to the newsletter and other activities throughout the state.

Committee/Project Announcements

Proven Winners – Kim Lane

Kim encouraged members to continue supporting the Proven Winners fundraiser through April 17, 2026. Sales through MAMG link generate 15% in commission. She brought examples of how beautiful the plants arrive at your home when ordered. She also reminded us that Proven Winners has online sales so check the site often for savings.

TOGG – Sign up Genius is active**Announcements:**

Next Meeting: May 14, 2026, at the Agricenter.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM