

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 5, 2026

Start Time: 4:33 p.m.

End Time: 5:48 p.m.

Location: Agriculture 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
*Absent	

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

Presiding Chair: Rick Clayton, President

Minutes: Paula Pilgrim, Corresponding Secretary

- A. Call to Order:** Rick Clayton called the meeting to order.
- B. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the February 5, 2026 board meeting were approved as published.
- C. Extension Report and Announcements:** Jan Orick noted that the membership meeting on March 12, 2026, will be held in the Agricenter Auditorium. She reminded that parking and access should be from the north side of the building. The April membership meeting will return to the usual location.
Dr. Cooper requested that all members celebrate UT Extension month referencing the website for details. Dr. Cooper also commended the MG Day of Education chair and committee for the excellent event. He also reported that the 2026 MAMG intern class is enthusiastic about volunteering for coming events.

- D. President:** Rick Clayton referenced handouts that were distributed titled “Standing Rules” and “Customs”. Within these documents are two redundancies -one regarding ”MAMG Business Meeting Announcements” and another regarding “Security”. After discussion it was unanimously approved to remove these redundancies and delete them from the webpage.
- E. Vice President:** Jan Dickey reported that Wyatt Peterson of Memphis Botanic Garden will speak at the March membership meeting. He will speak on “Horticulture in Our Homes”. She also announced that Ginny Fletcher will have the new MAMG tee shirts at the next meeting. Those who ordered will be able to pay the \$15 by check or cash only. Jan also presented the highly favorable survey results for the MG Day of Education. A motion to support Day of Education in Fall 2027 passed unanimously.
- F. Treasurer:** Cindy Smith presented the financial report.
- G. Recording Secretary:** no report
- H. Corresponding Secretary:** Barbara Hodges reported that a card was sent to a member having trouble. She also stated that she will forward a link to the directors for the TOGG sponsors page. This will assist members in supporting and thanking donors.
- I. Directors:** It was recommended that information about the Proven Winners plant sale, as well as the Spring Fling Sign Up Genius be included in their newsletters.
- J. Committee Reports:** none
- K. Adjournment:** Rick Clayton, President, declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: April 2, 2026