

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2026

Start Time: 4:30 p.m.

End Time: 5:44 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
* Board member not present	

Guests Present: Jessica Maestas, Jan Orick, Christina Clapsadle, Steve Scheer

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 March 5, 2026, board meeting were approved, as published.
- C. Extension Report and Announcements:** Jessica Maestas reported that the Website Committee requests that the contact form be used for all submissions for the website including corrections, minutes, and email blasts.
- D. Vice President:** Jan Dickey reported that the speaker for the April membership meeting will be Kim Bearden, Executive Director of Elmwood Cemetery. Her topic will be "Elmwood Cemetery and the Rural Cemetery Movement".
- E. Treasurer:** Cindy Smith presented the financial report.
- F. Recording Secretary:** No report
- G. Corresponding Secretary:** Barbara Hodges reported that cards were sent to those members experiencing difficulties.
- H. Directors:** All directors were asked to include in their newsletters that Sign Up Genius for TOGG is now open. Additionally, all groups are to bring food for the membership meeting which will include a reception time for Dr. Cooper.

- I. Membership Committee:** Currently there are 349 active members and 42 interns.
- J. New Business:** Steve Scheer reported to the board regarding the question of grants within MAMG. The bylaws and mission statement concerning grants have been reviewed. He presented a detailed packet of information with the intent to align expenditure of funds with the MAMG mission and values statement. After consideration by the board a motion was made to accept the recommendation to remove the Grants Committee from the MAMG bylaws as well as references to Grants Committee and the Grants Request Form from the MAMG website. A statement of the MAMG position will be placed in the bylaws as proposed. This will be communicated in the MAMG newsletter at least one month prior to a membership vote at the May meeting. The board approved the motion unanimously.

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

Next Board Meeting: May 7, 2026

Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary

Rick Clayton, President