

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 7, 2026

Start Time: 4:35 p.m.

End Time: 5:44 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: Jessica Maestas, Jan Orick, Christine Clapsadle, Ashley Burnette

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 April 2, 2026 board meeting were approved as published.

C. Extension Report and Announcements: Jessica Maestas reported that Dr. John Toman of UT Extension complimented the MAMG website. She encouraged the continued use of the change form for any submissions to the website as this expedites the process.

Christina Clapsadle, Parliamentarian, noted that the vote regarding removal of the Grants Committee from the MAMG Bylaws will be held at the May 14th membership meeting. A quorum (18% of membership) is required for the vote to be held. For the motion to pass, two thirds of those present must vote in the affirmative with all votes counted.

D. President: Rick Clayton reminded the directors to include in their communication that volunteers are needed for TOGG. Members should be referred to Sign Up Genius.

E. Vice President: Jan Dickey reported that the Tennessee State Master Gardener Conference will be May 27-29 in Knoxville. Information is available on the MAMG website as well as the UT website.

She also reported that the speaker for the May membership meeting is Sabrina Childs of Ripley, MS who is the SE regional representative for Ball Seed Company. Her presentation is titled "Something Old, Something New: Best Annuals and Perennials for Southern Gardens".

Jan also reported that Collierville Victory Garden has a significant need for volunteers. Contact Val Tingley to be added to the weekly CVG email which includes the schedule and tasks for the following week.

Jan opened a conversation regarding establishing a sponsorship committee. The purpose would be to lend continuity across MAMG projects and events which solicit sponsorships and monetary or in-kind donations. This matter is ongoing.

F. Treasurer: Vice treasurer, LeAnn Drewry, presented the financial report.

G. Recording Secretary: No report

H. Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Hodges reported cards were sent to members Ginny Fletcher and Kim Lane and her husband.

I. Directors: No reports

J. Committee Reports: No reports

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

Next Board Meeting: June 4, 2026