

Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 14, 2026

Call to Order 6:01pm

Rick Clayton called the Thursday, May 14, 2026, meeting to order. The meeting was conducted in person at the Agricenter.

Speaker

Vice President Jan Dickey introduced Sabrina Childs, the SE Regional Representative for Ball Seed. Her presentation titled "Something Old, Something New" reviewed old, new, and improved annuals and perennials for the southern garden.

Business Meeting:

Approval of the April 9, 2026, Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer Report

LeAnn Drewry, Vice Treasurer, presented the financial report.

Committee Reports

Bylaws and Standing Rules

Steve Scheer, chair, reviewed the proposed changes to the bylaws regarding Grants Committee and Grants Request Form. The proposed changes recommended by the Executive Board are:

- Removing the Grants Committee from the MAMG Bylaws
- Removing references to the Grants Committee and the Grants Request Form from the MAMG website
- Replacing current guidance on grants in the Standing Rules with a statement:

As a volunteer-led educational and community service organization, MAMG seeks opportunities to partner with other organizations in actively developing and delivering horticultural education. MAMG funds may be budgeted and expended in support of such partnerships as approved by MAMG. However, we do not make grants or gifts monetary donations or purchases) outside such collaborative partnerships.

Rick Clayton stated that the Executive Board supported the recommendations. A quorum of members was present for the vote. Rick Clayton asked if there was a motion to make the recommended changes. Debbie Grist-Evans voiced a motion to approve the changes. The motion was seconded by Jan Dickey. Rick Clayton called for a vote of all those in favor and all those opposed. He reported 80 votes in favor and zero votes against the motion. He stated that the motion passed unanimously.

Extension Report

Jessica Maestas, Program Coordinator, had no report.

Jan Orick, Assistant Program Coordinator, stated that she is resigning from her position effective May 21, 2026 in order to enjoy being a Master Gardener.

Organization Updates and Announcements

Through Our Garden Gate: Tom Rieman reported that volunteers are still needed for the June 6 event. Available opportunities are on Sign Up Genius which is linked on the MAMG website. He also mentioned that TOGG 2027 will be held in the Lakeland, Cordova, and Arlington areas.

Collierville Victory Garden: Volunteers are needed. Please contact Val Tingley to be added to her weekly email list which gives the schedule and projects for the week.

Zoo Crew: Volunteers are needed. Please contact Christy Gann for the steps required to join this group.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.
Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary