

Memphis Area Master Gardener Member Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 11, 2026

Call to Order: 6:01 pm

President Rick Clayton called the Thursday, June 11, 2026, meeting to order. The meeting was conducted in person at the Agricenter.

Speaker:

Vice President Jan Dickey introduced Scott Schoefernacker Science Director for Preserve Our Aquifer. He spoke about the work being done in our community to assure water security for future generations.

Business Meeting:

Approval of the May 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Cindy Smith, presented the financial report.

Extension Report and Remarks

Jessica Maestas announced that the Master Gardener office within the Extension office is being cleared of unused and out of date materials, and random unclaimed items. There is a scare crow figure that may be picked up by anyone desiring to give him a new home. She reminded members that applications for the 2027 Intern class are now open.

Committee Reports

Great Tomato Contest: Jamie Childers announced that the Great Tomato Contest will be held Saturday, July 18 outside the Big Red Barn. Activities for children, recipes, and information about Tennessee's State Fruit will be available. Cash awards will be given for Best Overall Tomato as well as to the top three in each of four categories.

Organization Updates

President Rick Clayton requested members consider serving on the Public Relations Committee which is currently open. MAMG needs to establish a vibrant presence on social media to engage our community in our mission of horticulture education.

Announcements

Isabella Mitchell, recipient of the Mary Wade Scholarship was introduced by Jan Dickey. As a freshman at University of Tennessee she is studying Environmental Engineering.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:13 pm
Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary