

Minutes from the Master Gardener Business Meeting

January 13,2026

Submitted by Secretary PleasMcKee

*Meeting was called to order by President Stephanie McKee at 7:46

*A motion was made by Donna Guterrez Seconded by John Geib to accept the minutes of the November meeting – passed

Financials

2025 Treasurer Kathy Turner gave the December report: overall balance of \$76,716.15

\$1015.72 – Savings, \$4237.89 – Checking, \$68,295.50 – Money Market, \$3156.30 – Membership, and \$10.74 – chik account.

Major expenses were: background checks, parties, topsoil and compost, rain barrels, and VEGO beds.

Membership

Jackie Sledge 2025 Membership chair reported 247.75 volunteer hours, 100.25 education hours for December. With a total for 2025 10,430.75 hours from 101 participants with 3946 public contacts. Members were encouraged to use accurate reporting hours such as separating food prep from meeting hours and to use the appropriate formatting (e.g., .25 for 15 minutes, .5 for thirty minutes). Members were also reminded that the membership forms are due by January 31. Interns from last year may use their unused certificates for this years dues.

Awards and Recognition

November Busy Bee: Liz Blazier

November You Rock: Sharon Owens

December Busy Bee: Daniel Sutton

December You Rock: Thomas White

It was also noted that there will be a greater effort to recognize years of service in the meetings and newsletter as well as any awards earned by or bestowed upon members.

Project/Events/Education

- New Project reporting format: members can share updates during meetings instead of listing all projects.
- Maple Street projects will be mapped out and put online to clarify responsibilities.

- General and specialized volunteers are needed at Maple Street. Women's Fair (Feb.19) need volunteers, signup sheets will be online and email.
- April plant sale is the 6-12, with vender changes due to a change in Vender policy.
- Saturday Seminars will begin in February with Tomato-Thon on the 28th. There is a \$40.00 fee which includes: t-shirt, plants, lunch.
- Downtown Library programs are moving to the south branch for the months of March, April, and May.
- Continuing Education for February will be turf grass.
- Strategic planning meeting set for January 29th, members are encourage to share input.

Committee and News Letter

- Executive committee meetings open for member proposals. Please submit proposals at least one week before EC meeting so you can talk (5 minute limit) about your proposal.
- Exploring mentor opportunities for incoming interns, sign up online or in person.
- Donna Gutierrez has proposed that BCMG offer up scholarships of \$500 to graduating Seniors. The details and parameters to be developed.
- A call for newsletter and web site articles, anyone can contribute. Send articles for the newsletter to Natasha Henderson, articles to be published online need to be submitted to Jocelyn Furr.
- All committees will be listed online including the lead contact person and information.

Upcoming and Recurring Events

- Winter sowing class will be led by Dawn Grahm on Saturday 2:00-4:00
- Next EC meeting is February 3 at 6 pm
- Library Education is February 3 at 6pm
- Next business meeting is February 10 with an education meeting at 6pm

Suggested Action Items

- Members needing help with website or VMS are encouraged to reach out
- Members are encouraged to join a committee or project

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Wendy Porter at 8:39 seconded by Julie James