Jefferson County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.

Members Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2026/Auditorium / Birmingham Botanical Gardens / 2612 Lane Park Road, Birmingham, AL 35223

Call to order - President Kathering Ennis

- The Business meeting was called to order by the president, Katherine Ennis, at 10:03 am.
- Katherine announced that the minutes for the last meeting were in the Roots and Shoots Newsletter.
- A motion ws made to appprove the minutes by Sandy McCarthy and seconded by Susan McNamara. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote of the members present.

Treasurer's Report - Skip Craig

- Summary of the financials is as follows:

Regions Checking Account Starting Balance 12/25/2025	$19,999.07
Deposits	$1,238.60
Expenditures	$ 2,367.84
Regions Checking Account Ending Balance (1/23/2026)	$18,869.83
Regions MM Account Operating Reserve Balance (1/22/2026)	$12,631.08
Regions MM Account Grant Balance (1/22/2026)	$ 6,530.31
TOTAL ASSETS	$54,289.51
Current Liabilities (Intern Projects, AMGA Dues)	($9,788.02)
NET ASSETS	$44,501.49

President's Announcements - Kathrine Ennis

- Registration for the 2026 conference in Huntsville is still open. . There were already 350 reported registered at the last AMGA Advisory Council meeting and they are still in early registration. If you are still planning to register you should do so soon!
- Blocks of rooms in the conference hotel are already full.
- The registration does include free admission to the Huntsville Botanical Gardens.
- The Reach for the Stars Banquet will follow the business portion of the meeting. Thanks were given for the food that was brought. A reminder for snacks at other meetings was issued.

- Immediately following the Reach for the Stars program, there will be a 2027 Conference Committee Meeting. Volunteers are needed and need to contact Judith Rives or Katherine Ennis.
- The 2027 Conference Hospitality Committee will have a meeting at the BBG on February 16th in the Adventure room at 2:00 pm.

Committee Reports

- Community Service Committee - Misha Unruh/Silvia Britt
  -There is a need for a Master Gardener leader at the Crestwood Day School.
  -Dorothy Leonard wants help for a summer camp, July 9-18, at the Mid Holt Campus. Smoothie makers will be given away to all participants.
- Communications Committee - Mary Hendley
  - Mary is working to get the website up and running again. Two new members on this committee will be sharing the duties.
  - Please remember to take pictures at any event where you volunteer and include pictures of the Master Gardeners
- Grants Committee - Sandy McCarthy
  - Community Grants Applications will open for entry on February 15th and close on April 1st. There will be a link to the applications on the websites.
- AMGA Advisory Council - via - Terri Barker
  -The AMGA online store is now open with sale items. The store will shut down after March 31st to restock.
  - Another representative is needed on the Advisory Council. The council meets once a quarter.
- Helpline and Fundraising - Susan McNamara
  -We continue to need volunteers for the Thursday and Friday afternoon shifts of the helpline. Please contact Susan to volunteer.
  -We are doing a spring bulb sale. Please share the information and purchase for yourself. Our goal is $500.

The Business meeting was adjourned at 10:23 am.

- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mary Hendley and seconded by Angie Amie. The motion passed unanimously by all those present.

The Reach For The Stars Brunch - 10:30 am.

- The line-up for the brunch buffet began at President Katherine Ennis's directions.
- The speaker, Patrick Thompson, was introduced by Judith Rives
- Patrick is the curator of special collections and the coordinator of the Alabama Plant Conservation Alliance at Auburn's Davis Arboretum. His talk was titled, "Alabama Gardeners Mastering Conservation."
- Immediately following our speaker, the awards program began at 11:31 am.

- Ken Hall announced all of the recipients who volunteered enough hours for categorical acknowledgement.

The Reach For The Stars Program was adjourned at 11:45 am with door prizes to follow.

ATTEST BY:

Jennye McCreary

Jennye McCreary, Secretary

Katherine E. Ennis

Katherine Ennis, President