

Cumberland County Master Gardeners, Inc.  
General Member Meeting  
August 2, 2022

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Jewell Wilhoite at 6:01pm at the Country Store.

**ATTENDANCE:** 30

**WELCOMING REMARKS:** Jewell Wilhoite introduced the speaker.

**PROGRAM:** Kayla Selby spoke on her experience interning at the PDG this summer. She's a Crossville native, graduating from CCHS this past May. She will attend Tennessee Tech in Cookeville. She plans to pursue a degree in Engineering Technology. She did the usual activities at the garden; watering, weeding, fertilizing, but also did plant identification, received her pesticide license for applying pesticides. Her project created QR code links to gardens in Tennessee.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Secretary:** Julia Wood: The minutes from July 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting with 3 revisions.

**MOTION:** "I move to approve the minutes as amended."

Moved: Rita Reali      Second: Connie Taylor      Approved: All in favor

**Treasurer:** Alan Baker: Through 7/19/22 total income was \$22,454.89. Expenses were \$15,003.02 for a gain on operations of \$7,451.87. The ending bank balance was \$16,224.16. We recently paid for the memorial bench (available balance is now \$160.63) and storage through September. We have not disbursed any of the budgeted \$2,000 for the Fall Gardeners Festival (FGF), which will happen after their written request.

**MOTION** "I move that we receive the treasurer's financial report as stated."

Moved: Linda Glenn      Second: Ron Drechnik      Received: All in favor

**Vice President:** Rhoda Hiller: Our October speaker will be Brent England on the Rose Rosette Trial. Look for email from Vicki May requesting help at the Apple Fest with the dragonfly making. Sept. 24 and 25th

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Ernie Wood: Workday this Thursday, August 4 with mulching, pruning, and weeding to clean up the garden before the FGF. The Umbrella Committee focus will be the FGF.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Strategic Plan Brainstorming:** Jewell Wilhoite: The board is reviewing ideas and will get back to membership.

**Memorial Bench:** Linda Ferris: Our first memorial bench has arrived. Seven names will be added to plaques: Bill Murphy, Millie Moore, George Thompson, Roger Totten, Jean Wood, Jerry Scoggins and Gary Laura which brings us up to date with recent losses. Placement will be decided by the Umbrella Committee. We will attempt to have it placed before the Fall Festival.

**Classes at the Garden:** Ron Drechnik: Hosts are needed for 3 August classes. A sign-up was passed. Recent classes were well attended. Walk-ins are filling no shows.

**Fall Gardeners Festival (FGF):** Jan Rice: 42 volunteers have signed up. Thank you. Additional volunteers are welcome. Thank you Pam Barrett for support on planning, and Janet Cole and Linda Glenn for working on decorations. Monday Aug. 29 will include 8:00 am set-up, orientation and assignments and gift bag stuffing following. Volunteers should arrive at 7:00 am Tuesday, Aug. 30 for the Festival.

**Media Kit** - Ron obtained a media kit at the State Conference for booths. It will be kept in the Extension Office along with a felt letter board for booth use.

**Storage Area:** Linda Glenn: Don't forget to sign items out and back in. If something is wrong with an item, let Linda know. One Shade tent is damaged. If you know what's wrong and which tent contact Linda Glenn.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Event Coordinator:** Linda Ferris: Project Leads need to complete the project form (available on the website) and get them to Linda Ferris.

**Veterans Day Parade:** Connie Farley

**December Luncheon Committee:** We are seeking volunteers to plan our December Awards/Holiday Luncheon. Work will begin in September.

**Nominating Committee:** Contact Jewell Wilhoite if you are willing to serve on the Nominating Committee to identify candidates for the 2023 Executive Board. The Committee's work will begin in September. The slate of nominations is due in October. The election will be in November. Consider becoming an officer.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Friends of the Garden Memberships:** Please renew your memberships which support our garden coordinator's salary. Erin Fletcher Conley will have table at the FGF to obtain Friends of the Garden memberships. This supports Cultivate magazine and our garden coordinators salary.

**CCMG Christmas Tree Outreach.** Theme will be wildlife. Contact Connie Farley or Sue Partch.

**2023 MG Intern Classes** will begin in February.

**Day Lilies:** Sue Partch: Nancy Christopherson will no longer be able to support Day Lily plots. Sue is seeking partners for this Adopt-a-Spot for 2023.

**2023 International MG Convention:** Sid Morgan announced that is in Kansas City in June. Registration will begin in November. The event is a lot of fun!

**CALENDAR:**

1. Next Member Meeting: Pic Nic on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, beginning at 5:30 pm This is our picnic meeting with little business. Hotdogs, burgers, possibly brats, beans will be the main fair. CHANGE: Walt Hitch will serve ice cream. Toppings will be provided. If you bring other items, consider a vegan dish or fresh fruit. (CANCELLED until October member meeting: Photos for the new directory)
2. Board Meeting: Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 1 pm (moved to PDG indoor classroom due to scheduling conflict.)
3. Umbrella Committee Meeting: August 9, 2022, at 1 pm at the PDG.
4. Steak and Potatoes Dinner: Volunteers needed Set-up: Tables and chairs for it and Festival: Aug. 25 at 8 am. Event: August 26, 2022. Serving volunteers need to arrive before 11:15 am.
5. Convoy of Hope's "Garden in a Bag" Booth (Alan Baker, Jan Rice and Ron Drechnik )- August 27, 2022.
6. Fall Festival: Contact: Jan Rice for all volunteer needs, training, and assignments  
Set-up Tables and chairs: Aug. 25 at 8 am.  
Set up and Volunteer Training: Monday, Aug. 29, 2022, at 8:00 am  
Bag Stuffing Monday Aug 29, 2022 following orientation in PDG indoor classroom  
Fall Gardeners Festival: Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022 with volunteers arriving 7 am
7. Apple Fest Dragonfly CCMG booth: September 24-25 at the Homestead Tower – Contact Vicki May.
8. Hit the Trails CCMG booth: Saturday, October 1, 10 am -2 pm
9. Veterans Day Parade: Saturday, November 5 - Contact Connie Farley if you are veteran or spouse of a veteran.
10. Holiday Award Luncheon – December 6

**DOOR PRIZES:** Thank you for donations: Eggs, bromeliads, spider plant, tray, 2 small décor plants, copper container and a bee box. Winners were: Sue Partch, Ron Drechnik, Julia Wood, Dave Armbrust, Alan Baker, Janet Russell, Connie Farley, Ernie Wood, Vicki May, Jan Pitzer, Mike Barron, Connie Taylor and Agnes Bosze.

**Adjournment:** Jewell Wilhoite at 7:38 pm

**MOTION** "I move to adjourn."

Moved: Linda Ferris

Second: Pam Barrett

Passed: All in favor

August minutes were moved and approved as amended with all in favor on 09/06/2022

Respectfully submitted:



Julia Wood, Corporate Secretary