

# Cumberland County Master Gardeners, Inc.

Board Meeting  
December 16, 2025

President Margo Carroll called the meeting to order at precisely 1:00 p.m. at the Country Store; Dave Armbruster, Mike Barron, Margo Carroll, Janet Coe, Linda Ferris, Bear Lesko, Julie Lesko, Carla Lund, Vicki May, Sharon McKinney, Peggy Mullett, Rita Reali, Stacy Scrimsher and Susan Stoneberg attended.

## Officers' Reports

**Secretary's Report:** Rita Reali reported. Minutes of the previous board meeting were distributed via email last night and are posted on the website. Carla Lund moved to accept the November minutes as submitted. Margo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on voice vote. As one of her last official acts as secretary, Rita thanked the board for the opportunity to serve as secretary the past three years. Applause ensued.

**2026 Budget:** It takes \$15,000-25,000 to run the group, Margo said. That's all spent on items for the gardens. None of it is spent on us. It goes out into our programs. She said she tried to cut back on expenses where possible. The PDG got an "astronomical" quote for paving the pathways. She asked if there are sponsors we can bring in. Rita mentioned how Oktoberfest organizers seek sponsors for the biergarten, the entertainment stage, etc. Discussion ensued. Vicki suggested having a committee approach local businesses, seeking corporate sponsorships for the FLAG Festival. Margo suggested drawing up a concrete vision, and presenting it to County Mayor Allen Foster to help drum up support. Carla said P.J. Barnes from the Chamber of Commerce would be happy to publicize our events. Discussion ensued. Carla will check to see whether our program flyers are stocked there at the Chamber office, as well as at the visitors center. Line-by-line discussion of budget items followed.

Discussion of costs for PDG paving project. The committee has met three times, and the estimate they received from Lawn Rangers was nearly double what they expected, and didn't provide the components and materials the committee requested. Margo would like an overall scope plan, not just bits and pieces of the project.

President Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita M. Reali, Corporate Secretary