

Cumberland County Master Gardeners, Inc.
Board Meeting
May 19, 2026

President Margo Carroll called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. at the Country Store.

Attendees: Not noted.

Officers' Reports:

Secretary's Report: Margo Carroll reported in Sharon McKinney's absence. Minutes of the previous board meeting were distributed via email 5/14/26 and are posted on the website. Vicki May moved to accept the April 2026 Board Meeting minutes as submitted. Lisa Lee Briggs seconded. Motion passed unanimously on verbal vote.

Treasurer's Report:

- Lisa Briggs reported. Through April 30, 2026, beginning balance was \$38,589, total income was \$17,168, total expenses were \$13,319. The ending bank balance was \$42,438. Approximately \$10,000 in expenses still to be reflected from FLAGF, PDG, and Fall Gardeners Festival. Vicki May moved to receive the treasurer's report. Margo Carroll seconded. Motion passed unanimously on verbal vote.
- Alan Baker suggested having a digital electronic record of all transactions. Discussion ensued regarding the possible purchase of accounting software such as QuickBooks. Lack of this is a hindrance to MG's volunteering for the Treasurer position on the Board. Lisa is asked to research options and bring suggestions to the next board meeting.
- Regarding 2026 membership, Lisa called all who hadn't renewed their membership yet this year. In some cases, there was no response and, in some cases she was thanked for the reminder.

Old Business: Bear and Julie Lesko reported in Carla Lund's absence. There is ongoing work done to determine what the Master Plan will be for the next 20 years at the UT Gardens, Crossville. The 1-, 3-, 5 -, 10-, and 20- year plans will be presented at the June Board Meeting.

New Business:

- Discussion regarding prospects for 2027 Board members: Bear Lesko, Julie Lesko, Karen Wyatt (director), Dave Armbrust (director), Susan Stoneberg (director), Lisa Lee Briggs (treasurer), Carla Lund (president), Kristi DuBois (president)
- Suggested that T-shirts be added to options of MG clothing to purchase
- Discussion regarding field trips and if/how they should be conducted

Bylaws state up to 10% of the budget (for 2026, would be Motion passed unanimously on verbal vote.

\$2170) may be approved by board members for expenditures. There is a line item in the budget of \$300 for conferences fee reimbursement. With the addition of \$2170 to the current \$300, it was proposed by Vicki May that up to \$2470 can be reimbursed to conference-goers. Lisa seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously on verbal vote.

Announcements: Karen Wyatt will ask her retired landscape architect husband if he would draw up some of the future plans of the UTG-C Planning Committee.

President Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted as approved,

Sharon McKinney, Corporate Secretary