

Cumberland County Master Gardeners, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
February 3, 2026

President Margo Carroll called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. at the Country Store.

Officers' Reports

Secretary's Report: Sharon McKinney reported. Minutes of the previous general meeting were distributed via email 1/22 and are posted on the website. Vicky May moved to accept the January 2026 minutes as corrected. Rita Reali seconded. Motion passed unanimously on verbal vote.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Briggs reported.

- Through 12/31/2026, beginning balance was 33,959.67, total income was \$1040.00 and no expenses. The ending bank balance was \$34,999.67. Sharon McKinney received the treasurer's report in paper form on 1/20/26; a motion will be made to approve the report at the next board meeting.
- Copies of the Reimbursement/Check Request were distributed; they are also available on the website in the General Administration section. It was emphasized that the 'Purpose/Budget Category' column was to be filled in with a reference to line items on the budget, and receipts are to be attached. Completed forms should be given to Lisa at a subsequent meeting.
- Motion to accept the treasurer report moved by Linda Ferris and seconded by Sue Partch. Motion passed unanimously on verbal vote.

Committee Reports

Classes in the Gardens: Deni Martin reported.

- New brochures are available. Packs are available for those who want to distribute to other locations, please let Deni know by signing the available sheet or otherwise letting her know
- Rosie Drechnik will train the hosts
- Registration is open for the first several classes and a signup sheet was passed for MGs to sign up for primary host, co-host, and backup hosts for those available classes

Fall Gardeners Festival: Vicky May reported. The makers of the 358 birdseed wreaths were recognized for their contributions.

Flower, Lawn & Garden Festival: Leslie Mullican reported. A signup sheet was passed around for anyone who wants to be in on the FLAG planning.

Hospitality: Rosie Drechnik reported. To keep an accurate inventory, we are asked to notify her and/or Ron Drechnik when we donate items.

PDG Planning Committee: Carla Lund reported. •

- Signage for the Attractions sign for UT Gardens, Crossville (UTG-C) at Exit 311 on I-40 has been approved by UTG at the most recent Umbrella meeting and is moving forward, expected to be implemented later this year. CCMG was asked by UTG-C to donate \$1100 towards the cost of this TDOT signage. This represents approximately 50% of the total cost. Annual renewal cost of \$300 will be furnished by CCMG and reflected in the annual budget.
- Walkways are continuing to be investigated. It is now considered a more long term project than initially thought, possibly 3-5 years for completion. Publicity: Kristi Dubois reported. While she won't be able to write every article, submissions

Publicity: Kristi Dubois reported. While she won't be able to write every article, submissions of notes and pictures are always welcome. Information for the FLAG insert in the Crossville Chronicle due before 3/1.

Teas in the Gardens: Susan Partch reported. There will be a meeting on 2/13 to plan for the 6/13 and 9/12 Teas.

Umbrella Committee: Umbrella committee minutes were distributed via email 1/22.

New Business:

- New CCMG interns were welcomed by the current CCMGs
- Gregg Upchurch reminded us of an email sent out to CCMGs regarding upcoming research opportunities. The first of two meetings will be at UTG-C 2/19 (11am-12pm) for orientation to basic research concepts and the scientific method as well as a preview of the turfgrass trial. See the 1/30 email for more information
- Awards were distributed to members who have completed three, five, and 15 years as a Master Gardener as well as members and 2025 interns who completed at least 100 documented volunteer hours

Announcements:

- Cards advertising the bulb sale are available for distribution
- Deadline to order polo shirts was 2/3 at 5pm
- Next General Meeting is 3/3/26 at 1pm in the Country Store and will feature a presentation by Vicky May regarding soil blocking

President Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Approved as submitted 3/3/26

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon McKinney, Corporate Secretary