

**Cumberland County Master Gardeners, Inc.**  
**Board Meeting**  
**March 17, 2026**

**DRAFT:**

Margo Carroll called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Country Store.

**Attendees:** Margo Carroll, Carla Lund, Sharon McKinney, Connie Bowman, Natalie Stopyak, Leal Carol, Sherry Meine, Michelle Williams, Lisa Briggs, Mike Barron, Susan Stoneberg, Dave Armbrust, Janet Coe, Bear Lesko, Julie Lesko, Linda Amicucci, Karen Wyatt, Dennis Bosze

**Secretary's Report:** Sharon McKinney reported. Minutes of the 2/17/26 board meeting were distributed via email 3/7/26 and will be posted on the website. Carla moved to accept the minutes as submitted, Mike seconded. Motion passed unanimously on verbal vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa Briggs reported. Through 2/28/2026, beginning balance was \$28,603.53, total income was \$1462.64, total expenses were \$104.27, ending bank balance was \$29,961.90. Carla moved to receive the treasurer's report, Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously on verbal vote.

**New Business:**

- Mike is looking for a champion to expand the Smart Yard program to more Master Gardeners and hopes there will be a volunteer to come forward after his upcoming presentation at the 4/7/26 General meeting
- Margo needs volunteers to do spring cleanup (weeding, trimming, and mulching) of the grounds here and will pick a date soon and notify those who indicated interest
- Margo proposes having 33 rain barrels delivered in time for the Flower, Lawn and Garden Festival (FLAGF). She brought 10 to the fest last year and they all sold quickly. Carla moved to have 33 rain barrels delivered, Sharon seconded. Motion passed unanimously on verbal vote
- Margo asked for a volunteer to speak at a Fairfield Glade educational event; Leal volunteered
- Connie mentioned some events at Cumberland Mountain State Park of which we may be interested
- Michelle went through categories in the Search for Excellence application, and suggestions were taken as to what we can use to maximize our chances of success
- Margo asked that anyone willing to take over the merchandise orders to contact her

**Old Business:**

- Margo reports there is space for 17 more vendors to sign up for FLAGF
- Carla reported she joined the Crossville-Cumberland County Chamber. In the hopes of meeting people who may be willing to learn more about growth and opportunities for Cumberland County Master Gardeners, Inc and our affiliation with the UT Gardens-

Crossville (UTG-C), she will attend a Cumberland County Tourism Summit on 3/26 at Crossville's Historic Palace Theatre at 6pm. This is a free event featuring discussions on growth and local giveaways. Carla is developing a flyer that can be circulated that will highlight our vision for the future

- Michelle reported the spring Tea in the Garden is sold out and only 4 tickets remain for the fall tea

**Announcements:**

- Meeting for the UTG-C planning group follows this meeting.
  - This group is now named the Visionary Committee Plan
- Tomato and pepper planting is Thursday 3/19 @ 9am, see the 3/13 and 3/17 email
- Classes in the Garden Host training is Thursday 3/19 @2pm, see the 3/13 and 3/18 emails
- Silent auction items are needed for FLAGF, see the 3/18 email
- Items for the Plant Sale at FLAGF are needed, see the 3/1 and 3/17 emails
- Items for the Thymes newsletter need to be submitted, see the 3/13 email
- Items for the Yard Sale at FLAGF are needed, see 3/4 email

Margo adjourned the meeting at 2:07p.m.

Next board meeting: 4/21/26

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon McKinney, Corporate Secretary