

# Cumberland County Master Gardeners, Inc.

Board Meeting

February 18, 2025

President Margo Carroll called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. at the Country Store; she then introduced Laszlo and Debbie Marton and customer-care Charity from Galena Garlic, who discussed their vision for a Garlicfest in Crossville September 27.

## Officers' Reports

**Secretary's Report:** Rita Reali reported. Minutes of the previous board meeting were distributed via email. Linda Ferris moved to accept the January board minutes as submitted. Renee Lloyd seconded. Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Margo reported in Lisa's absence. Through 2/17/25, total income was \$660; total expenses were \$103.24 for a net operating gain of \$556.76. The ending bank balance was \$27,914.26. The memorial bench fund and the PDG support fund remained unchanged. Rita Reali moved to receive the treasurer's report. Carla Lund seconded. Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

**March 1 Community Fun Fest event** hosted by Cumberland Cares Recreation Center, 712 S. Main Street. Booth space is \$35 and our booth will promote Master Gardener education and events, along with selling Bird Treats. Shalena and Vicki May are leading this project and need additional volunteers.

**Speaker Opportunity:** The FCE would like a Master Gardener to speak at their March 14 meeting at the Country Store. Margo is looking for a volunteer for this.

**20th Anniversary of the PDG:** We need ideas for how to celebrate. Discussion of a tea party or a wine reception for the Master Gardeners, perhaps even in cooperation with Bristow Road Winery. Linda Ferris moved that we send flowers, up to \$250 total, to the three originators of the PDG (Rae Hozer, Carol Burdett and Nancy Christopherson). Rita seconded. Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

**Planting Areas at the Fairgrounds:** The Fairgrounds president has asked if we'd be willing to take care of the two planting areas, by the main building entrance and next to the pavilion. Discussion ensued.

**MG Historian committee:** Margo is looking for volunteers to head up a committee to preserve and document the history of the master gardeners. Gregg said he ran into Roger Thaxton at lunch today. Vicki May said Nancy Christopherson documented a lot of the early years of the gardens.

**Good Samaritans garden design assistance:** Margo said Good Samaritans in Fairfield Glade contacted her and is seeking assistance in design of their courtyard. Beyond their initial inquiry, they haven't followed up with her, so she hasn't done much with their request.

**Fair Park Senior Center:** They're seeking assistance in the design and maintenance of a raised-bed garden. Gregg suggested conducting a class and letting them take the reins and run with it afterward.

**Garden Loom:** Susan Partch brought up the idea of incorporating an interactive garden loom into the PDG. She'd mentioned it last year but nothing ever got done about it.

**Garden Coordinator's report:** Vicki reported. As a group, we are a dynamic team. We have 28-30 defined individual gardens, with more than a dozen not yet spoken for. She'd like teams to adopt a garden spot, so we get them all covered. She has a questionnaire for volunteers to help give her a handle on what the PDG's needs are and what individual MGs' needs are.

**Website:** Kelsey reported. She's working on adding functionality to the new website, via Wix. She said changes are coming and if folks have event listings or photos to contribute, get them to her.

President Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita M. Reali, Corporate Secretary