

Cumberland County Master Gardeners, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
May 5, 2026

President Margo Carroll called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. at the UTG-C (University of TN Gardens, Crossville).

Opening Remarks: There will be a celebration for the 2026 MG Interns at the conclusion of this meeting.

Officers' Reports

Secretary's Report: Sharon McKinney reported. Minutes of the previous general meeting were distributed via email 4/19 and will post on the website. Deni Martin moved to accept the 4/7/2026 minutes as submitted. Sue Maruska seconded. Motion passed unanimously on verbal vote.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Briggs was absent but sent a message saying the 4/30/26 numbers do not yet reflect expenses of the FLAGF. As agreed previously, the monthly treasurer report will be reflected in the board meetings (next board meeting is 5/19/26).

Committee Reports

Classes in the Gardens: Deni Martin reported. A class has been added for 5/29 as a Part 1 for the already-scheduled class 5/30; Friday 5/29 will be an evening class and Saturday 5/30 will be Part 2 in the morning. Volunteers are needed (Note: as of this writing, no more volunteers are needed for those dates).

Flower, Lawn & Garden Festival: Margo Carroll/Leslie Mullican reported. It was a successful festival. A slide was shown that listed \$17, 627 was generated, though expenses and other items still need to be finalized. Three rain barrels were sold; it was quite a decline from last year, but it was noted someone stood near by and touted the barrels last year.

Tomato and Pepper annual project: \$544 was generated. Leftovers were given away at the end of the second fest day.

Old Business: Gregg re-explained the Search for Excellence program. It's a recognition for what we do as well as being a competition and promoting education and sharing of ideas. CCMG put an entry into four categories: the Dragonfly Habitat was nominated in the Learning Site category, the Teas in the Garden was nominated in the Outreach category, the insert for FLAGF in the Crossville Chronicle was nominated in the Printed Materials category, and the Classes in the Garden was nominated in the Education category. Winners will be selected at the upcoming MG State Conference and submitted for the national competition.

New Business: Suggestion was brought up to see if those attending the 2026 TN Extension Master Gardener State Conference (May 27-29 in Knoxville) could get any reimbursement for ticket price or some other assistance. Conversation ensued, no conclusion at this time.

Announcements:

- Leslie needs to have someone else be the coordinator for next year's FLAGF. It does not have to be one person; multiple people will be needed to fill the job. Margo is expected to decrease the number of hours she can commit to this endeavor
- Connie says circumstances have changed and she can continue in her role as chair for the County Fair Master Gardener Education booth

President Carroll adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Next general meeting: 6/2/26 @ 1pm at the Country Store

Respectfully approved as submitted,

Sharon McKinney, Corporate Secretary