

Little Garden Club of Memphis  
Board Meeting  
April 17, 2019  
Memphis Botanic Garden

Attending: Kate Trammell, Corinne Adrian, Kathy Adams, Abbie Williams, Liz Crosby, Katherine Dobbs, Lucia Crenshaw, Kim MacQueen, Weetie Whittemore, Leslie Schutt, Ruthie Taylor, Weetie Whittemore, Mary Call Ford, Katie Wiener, Kate Connell, Sue Clark, Anne Keese, Tempe Thompson, Jean Johnston, Gina White, Lisa Wilder, Catherine Erb, Michelle Dunavant, Kirk McClintock, Linda Mallory, Virginia Rowland, Lisa Snowden, Kim Gibson, Vance Lewis

Mary Call thanked Kate Connell and Michelle Dunavant for a wonderful trip to Greenville. They saw a Founder's Fund garden, met the Mayor and had a fantastic time. Zone meeting was successful. We had great horticulture. Several of our members got first place ribbons for the first time. It was extremely exciting. Ruthie Taylor commented that she and Gina White got seconds which is worth noting as they are typically our first place ladies. Vance Lewis got a first place ribbon and judges commendation for the photograph that we chose in our photography show. Thanks to everyone who worked on the birthday meeting. It was wonderful having so many members in attendance. Thanks Kim MacQueen for making the flowers for our silver bells. Please look through the photographs and purchase the ones that interest you.

Mary Call called on Weetie Whittemore for the treasurer's report. Weetie's numbers were as follows:

Administrative Fund-\$85,299.51  
Community Fund-\$69,648.93  
Zone Meeting Fund-\$36,830.41  
Marguerite Turner-\$1,868.41

Weetie gave Mimsie's Crump, assistant treasurer's report. Her account balances were:

Memorial Fund -\$21,829.71  
Sensory Garden-\$49,381.37  
Children's Garden-\$58,104.81

Weetie talked about the budget. She passed out proposed allocation for next years budget. She reminded us that registration fees have increased. The budget she passed out needs adjustment. We are to remove the newsletter line item and place that money in registration. The New Member party line item has been changed to Entertainment. Weetie moved that we pass budget with the above changes. Lucia Crenshaw seconded. Mary Call asked for discussion. Linda Mallory asked about Zone meeting. We are removing Annual Meeting from the byline on the budget. Ruthie Taylor asked about the GCA Capital campaign. Tempe shared that It will come up in September. The board approved the budget. We will bring it to membership tomorrow and vote at our May meeting.

Catherine Erb announced that she and Jeannie Tabor are having a Sensory Garden clean up on April 23rd from 4-5:30. Bring your gloves and enjoy cleaning with a glass of wine.

Lucia Crenshaw, Corresponding Secretary, is unfortunately sending a lot of condolence notes to our members. She has also written notes to others in the community to let them know that we were thinking of them. These are people who are relevant to our garden community. Please let her know if someone needs a note. She is going to coordinate food for members of our club who are in need of meals.

Leslie Schutt reminded us that there is a 6 month ownership requirement for cacti and succulents for our flower show. April 23rd is the deadline. Par class and the remainder have a July 23 deadline. Par class is a container plant that doesn't fit in any other class. It requires a year of ownership and is very rare(uncommon). The begonia workshop is Tuesday April 30 at 10 am.

Ruthie Taylor expects to announce a rain date for the photography workshop scheduled for tomorrow afternoon.

Kim MacQueen shared that rain or shine we will go visit the Girls, Inc. garden tomorrow. They are prepared for the rain and excited that we are coming. Please dress casually and carpool. She and Ragan are finalizing the plan for next year. They welcome input.

Sue Clark and Jean Johnston are trying to find balance between raising money for trips and constantly asking us to buy things. Suggestions are welcome.

Kate Trammell passed out an explanation of our current travel reimbursement with suggested changes. It is attached to these minutes. There is a new Conservation meeting with a \$450 registration fee that is not included on the attachment. Kim MacQueen commented that increasing our reimbursement will foster new leadership by allowing more members to travel. Ways and Means will need to raise \$20,000 per 2 year cycle. Catherine Erb asked if we could just donate \$100 to not feel guilty about participating in the W&M fundraisers. Kate Trammell said that a straight donation is a tax write off. Discussion ensued about creating a new account called GCA Education for these donations. Kate Trammell asked how we feel about sending 1 or 2 people to these meetings. We agree that 2 people should go as it provides more education for our club. It was suggested that we could send memorials specifically for travel. Sue Clark and Jean Johnston suggest further discussion. Kate is going to work on numbers that include the Conservation meeting. Lisa Wilder suggested that we take the Auction money and put it in the not yet created GCA Education account. Mary Call tabled discussion for our next meeting.

Mary Call reminded us that dues are due. Active members are \$300. You can pay Weetie today. Tempe Thompson is rolling off as Zone IX Nominating Representative. Vance Lewis rolls off as Zone IX Program Representative. Ruthie Taylor will be the new Zone IX Horticulture Representative. Vance Lewis is the Zone IX Photography Representative. Lisa is Chairman of Floral Design. Lisa announced that By Design is free online.

Mary Call reminded us that Virginia Rowland needs our changes for the next yearbook. Please give your full name to both Virginia and Kate Trammell.

Katherine Dobbs announced the Art by Design Wednesday night cocktail party. It is May 8. The tickets are \$75 and good for the weekend.

Kirk McClintock is on board of Wolf River Conservancy. She goes every Thursday from 4-5 pm through June to see different sections of the Wolf River Greenway. If you want to join her on a tour, please let her know.

Mary Call adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Wiener, recording secretary

