

Little Garden Club of Memphis  
Membership Meeting  
April 18, 2019  
Girls, Inc.

Kim MacQueen welcomed us to Girls, Inc. and shared her involvement with the organization. She started volunteering 30 years ago while at Rhodes and has since served on their board of directors. She got a call about a year ago about the new garden/youth farm. It is a wonderful opportunity for Girls, Inc. Kim turned the meeting over to the Girls, Inc. staff who provided information and fielded questions.

Mary Call asked if Rhodes students were still involved with Girls, Inc. They do still have interns from college. 50 hours of training are required to be a mentor as a student. There were questions about volunteer opportunities. We can check the website for opportunities.

Lisa Moore, President of Girls, Inc of Memphis, spoke. In 1989 she came to Girls, Inc. for the first time as a college graduate. She learned about youth development. They are empowering children to teach each other. They are engaging girls to find their strength, power. U of M is starting a Youth Development program within the school of Education. Lisa talked about the new farm space and what it will look like. She showed us where the headquarters will be. They are hoping to break ground in the Fall of this year with a completion time of Fall of 2020. Leslie Schutt asked how much money they were trying to raise. Lisa said that the goal of capitol campaign is 8 million dollars. They have raised 4 million thus far and have outstanding grants of 1.2 million.

Mary Call thanked all of the Girls, Inc. team for their insight. Our meeting began with Mary Call commenting on the wonderful time that was had in Greenville. They saw the Falls in Greenville which won the Founders Fund award. Michelle and Kate planned a great trip. She reminded us that dues can be given to her today.

Catherine Erb and Jeannie Tabor are hosting a Sensory Garden clean up on Tuesday from 4:00-5:30.

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. The begonia workshop is Tuesday April 30 at 10 am.

Ruthie Taylor announced a date change for the photography workshop with Vance Lewis. It is now May 1 at 3:30 at the Dixon cutting garden. We will work on possible submissions for our Fall flower show. Vance's photograph won a first place and a judges commendation at the Zone meeting. It was the photograph that we chose in our in house show.

The Little Garden Club Birthday party was wonderful. Everyone helped which made the event more special. Photographs from the party can be purchased. Please look at the pictures in the album.

Virginia Rowland needs our changes for the next yearbook.

Ragan Magness talked about the Zone meeting. She had fun and learned a lot. Thanks for letting her go. We had 10 horticulture entries and came home with 10 ribbons. Kathy Adams got a first and second. Lynn Fulton's hosta got a first, Margaret Fraser's beautiful Lenten rose got a first, Leslie Schutt's May Apple got a first and judges commendation, Ruthie Taylor's narcissus got a second, Michelle Dunavant's tulip got a 3rd, Gina White got a 2nd for her tulip, Corinne Adrian won a first. Liz Crosby got an honorable mention. Kate Trammell won second and a judges commendation for her needlepoint. Sue Clark received a 3rd and judges commendation for her floral design. Well done Ladies!

We have two new Zone representatives. Ruthie Taylor is Zone IX's new Horticulture representative. Vance Lewis is Zone IX's new Photography representative. Lisa Snowden is still the Floral Design Committee Chair. Thank you Tempe and Vance who are rolling of as Zone IX Nominating Representative and Zone IX Program Representative respectively.

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

Thank you ladies for lunch. It was wonderful. The salad prepared from Girls, Inc. lettuces and honey was especially good.

Lisa Wilder passed out copies of our proposed budget that is to be voted on at our May meeting.

Mary Called thanked us all for coming. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Wiener, Recording Secretary