

The Little Garden Club of Memphis
Board Meeting
February 13, 2019
Memphis Botanic Garden

Attending: Tempe Thompson, EJ Baird, Catherine Erb, Kim Gibson, Linda Mallory, Ragan Magness, Corinne Adrian, Julie Hussey, Vance Lewis, Weetie Whittemore, Jean Johnston, Mary Call Ford, Mimsie Crump, Katie Wiener, Paige Proctor, Kim Lowrance, Barbara Williamson, Ruthie Taylor, Kathy Adams, Lucia Crenshaw, Natalie Latham, Anne Keesee, Liz Crosby, Michelle Dunavant

Mary Call opened the meeting. She called on Weetie Whittemore for the treasurer's report.

Weetie reported the following balances:

Administrative Fund-\$93,767.86

Community Fund-\$72,397.01

Marguerite Turner-\$1,867.73

Zone Meeting Fund-\$36,795.71

Mimsie Crump was asked to give the Assistant Treasurer's report. She reported the following balances:

Memorial Fund-\$19,482.30

Sensory Garden-\$47,696.12

Children's Garden-\$57,161.00

Mary Call looked to Vance Lewis to remind us to read the Founder's Fund proposals in the *Bulletin* so that we can vote on a proposal. All of the potential projects will receive some funding. Tempe Thompson reminded us that the grants are significant, so we really need to read and vote carefully.

Ruthie Taylor, Photography, invited us to stay after the meeting to hear from Tempe and Vance. They are going to explain how to improve each photograph from our show last month. It will be helpful to us if we submit a photograph for a flower show. Ruthie asked that we please submit photographs to the GCA E newsletter. Our zone is featured in the Spring and Fall. Photographs are extremely easy to submit for the E newsletter. The picture needs to reflect Spring in our zone. Please submit for April. Tempe pointed out that you cannot submit a photograph that has won an award or that you would like to submit for a flower show. The photograph has to be taken in our zone and iPhones will keep us honest as they show the location the photograph was taken.

Liz Crosby, Conservation, shared that she and Kim Gibson have been thinking about their Partners for Plants proposal. They want to direct the grant money to the Memphis Botanic Garden. The MBG has invasives in the wildflower woodland garden. She and Kim suggest that we do this in conjunction with Weed Wrangle. Mary Helen Butler and Carson Ellis have written an amazing, detailed proposal. Our Partner for Plants proposal is due to the GCA on March 1. If you are interested in reading the wonderfully thorough proposal, Liz has copies. Liz also needs our approval on the Wolf River tree planting project. The Executive Committee has approved that we donate \$2500 to the Wolf River project. Liz moved that we ratify their decision. Kathy Adams seconded. The board voted in approval. Liz has been approached by Cayce McAlister of the Garden Club of Nashville about organizing a Memphis wide Weed Wrangle. Cayce has also contacted Pam Martin of the Memphis Garden Club in an attempt to encourage a partnership. Cayce's goal is to create and all inclusive Weed Wrangle in our

public parks. How do we feel about it? Julie Hussey says that Cayce is very organized and wants garden clubs to be supportive of the green spaces in their city. Cayce is looking for us to give money. Additional discussion ensued. Liz will follow up with Pam Martin and provide us more information in the future.

Ragan Magness said that tomorrow's meeting will be wonderful. Thomas Woltz is amazing. The March meeting is a birthday party celebrating 90 years of The Little Garden Club. Please look to see if you have pictures or newspaper articles from years past. Our April meeting is a field trip to Girls, Inc.

Mary Call thanked Michelle for the trip to Nashville. It was so much fun! She went above and beyond and the Nashville ladies included us in all of their insider activities. Michelle asks that we thank Cayce McAlister if we see her tonight at the board dinner. She was very helpful while we were in Nashville.

Mary Call announced that Gay Boyd is stepping aside from her Communications board position. Gay's obligations at work have gotten more significant. Catherine Huffman is assuming the Communications position. She will be submitting Enews and information for the *Bulletin*.

Mary Call shared that there will be valet parking at the joint board dinner tonight. She read a sweet note from EJ Baird about what The Little Garden Club meant to her mother. Mary Call read a Mary Oliver poem entitled "I go down to the shore".

Mary Call asks that we please be on time for the joint meeting tomorrow. It should be wonderful. Catherine Erb asked if we were recording his talk as she is not able to attend? Mary Call said that she and Jennie Williams would see what they can do.

Liz Crosby asked who is going to the Zone meeting. She needs transportation for her bulb. Ragan Magness is our delegate and Sue Clark is our flower arranger. Someone will drive.

Mary Call thanked us for being here for the meeting. She wished us early Happy Valentines day.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Wiener, recording secretary