

The Little Garden Club of Memphis
Board Meeting
January 9, 2019
Memphis Botanic Garden

Attending: Julie Hussey, Anne Keesee, Kate Connell, Natalie Latham, Tempe Thompson, Kathy Adams, Katie Eleazer, Connie Adams, Kate Trammell, EJ Baird, Lisa Snowden, Lucia Crenshaw, Weetie Whittemore, Ruthie Taylor, Linda Mallory, Lisa Wilder, Ragan Magness, Mimsie Crump, Jeannie Tabor, Abbie Williams, Ginna White, Liz Crosby, Sue Clark, Katherine Dobbs, Kim MacQueen, Leslie Schutt, Jean Johnston, Paige Proctor, Margaret Fraser, Vance Lewis, Virginia Rowland, Mary Call Ford, Katie Wiener

President, Mary Call Ford, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. She asked that we approve the membership meeting minutes from December. Katie Eleazer moved and Weetie Whittemore seconded. The board voted and the membership meeting minutes were approved.

Mary Call asked Weetie Whittemore to give the Treasurer's report. Weetie reported the following balances:

Administrative Fund-\$93,782.03
Community Fund-\$72,923.01
Marguerite Turner-\$1,867.73
Zone Meeting Fund-\$36,776.97

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

Memorial Fund-\$19,332.30
Sensory Garden-\$47,532.07
Children's Garden-\$57,101.90

Mimsie also notified us that Aggie Turley made a \$1500 donation to the Sensory Garden.

Corresponding Secretary, Lucia Crenshaw, announced that Deborah Tipton made a donation to the Memphis Botanic Garden in honor of our board. Lucia is writing notes of condolence (or for any other reason) on behalf of LGC.

Lisa Snowden explained her new role in GCA. She is the Chairman of the Flower Design Committee. It is a new committee and quite an undertaking. She and her committee have redesigned By Design. It is available at no charge via email. They currently have four yearly workshops for design instructors and are working on two more. Hitomi Gilliam is coming to Memphis to do a workshop for the instructors February 26-28. Please volunteer to help if you are interested.

Linda Mallory announce that she and Leslie Schutt are doing a bulb-forcing workshop on January 16 at 10 a.m at the MBG Hort Building. It is \$10 and limited to 20 people. Please email Linda or sign up at meeting if you want to attend.

Ragan Magness, Programs, is excited about tomorrow. Please be sure you have downloaded Snapseed. The workshop is \$15 if you are able to stay. Ryn Clark is the speaker and the program is "Flowers and Phones – an iPhone workshop.

Kate Connell, Travel co-chair, announced that the Garden Club of Nashville has extended an invitation of a flower tour to those of us (and our friends and family!) who are attending the Art and Antiques Show. We will meet at 8:45 Friday morning, February 1. GCN has also offered to reserve seats for us at the Faith Hill/Bobby McAlpine lecture at 11:00 am that morning. Seats will be released at 10:45, so get there early. Michelle Dunavant has reserved a block of rooms and there is one left at The Westin Hotel, Downtown Nashville. At this point, there are 20+ attending the flower tour and lecture.

For the ladies going to Greenville in April, payment of \$550 is due in full at the February meeting.

Sue Clark and Jean Johnston, Ways & Means, asked for honest feedback about this year's Christmas Greenery. We have not ordered from this company before (our former source is no longer selling the greenery). 33 members purchased greenery this year. We made \$633 profit after paying over \$800 in shipping. The general opinion of the group was that the greenery was dry when it arrived. Sue and Jean will look for something else to do next year. The Christmas Auction was very successful. We raised \$15,500. At tomorrow's membership meeting they will auction "Beer, Bocce and BBQ" (one item that was overlooked at the Christmas Auction). Kudos to Anne Keesee for starting the auction years ago to help raise the funds for our GCA travel expenses. This auction takes place every three years.

EJ suggested that Sue and Jean have aprons made to sell. A brief discussion ensued about what style aprons people preferred. We do need one with our new logo.

Mary Call called on Kathy Adams for new business. Kathy said that several past presidents have discussed a proposed bylaw change. Lisa Wilder, Parliamentarian, assisted with the explanation of the process of changing bylaws. We do not vote the month the changes are presented. We will vote at the March meeting.

Please see attached current and proposed bylaws

Kathy moved that the board present these proposed bylaw changes to the membership at the meeting tomorrow. Weetie seconded. Mary Call asked for discussion. Leslie Schutt asked when the membership committee will announce the number of spaces available in our club. Katie Eleazer answered that the goal is to announce by the May meeting. Ragan repeated Leslie's question. Mary Call said there will be a board discussion via email or meeting to discuss number of spaces prior to our May meeting. Lisa Wilder asked what would happen if she decided to change her membership status after May 1. Katie Eleazer's answer was that the deadline is May 1. Katie explained that in March, she begins to remind our members of the May 1 status change deadline. Connie Adams said that the proposed bylaw changes help clarify the membership proposal process. Tempe Thompson agreed.

Mary Call shared that Christian Owen is pruning back her LGC responsibilities (Flower Show and Ivy Vine Editor) for the time being. With daughter, Catherine, being queen of Carnival and the Florist to the Field book responsibilities, she has a full plate. Linda Mallory will be Flower Show co-chair with Gina White. Corinne Adrian will be Horticulture co-chair with Leslie Schutt.

Virginia Rowland has a few extra handbooks that will be auctioned off tomorrow.

Mary Call announced the joint meeting with the Memphis Garden Club. LGC hosts the meeting and MGC hosts the board dinner. The dinner will be held February 13th at Selden Popwell's house. LGC has invited Thomas Woltz to speak at the Joint Meeting. He was the keynote speaker at the GCA Annual Meeting in San Francisco this past year. Lisa Snowden said that he is the "rockstar" of the landscape design world. He is involved at Shelby Farms and we are hoping to involve him in downtown. The meeting and lunch will be at the Memphis Country Club.

Jean Johnston added that she is missing two auction tally sheets. If you happened to have accidentally grabbed them, please see her.

Mary Call concluded the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Wiener, recording secretary