

The Little Garden of Memphis
Board Meeting
March 2, 2022
Memphis Botanic Garden

Attending: Kate Trammell, Jean Johnston, Vance Lewis, Ruthie Taylor, Kathy Adams, Margaret Fraser, Abbie Williams, Julie Hussey, Linda Mallory, Katherine Dobbs, Weetie Whittemore, Katherine Erb, Lisa Snowden, and Janet Misner

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Kate called on Linda Mallory for the Treasurer's report. Linda reported the following numbers as of 2/28/22:

Administrative:	\$27,057.41	(+CD of \$55,818.21)
Community:	\$45,641.20	(+CD of \$86,090.93)
Zone:	\$5,517.88	(+CD of \$47,818.21)
Memorial:	\$6,797.03	(+CD of \$21,300.00)
Children's Garden	\$9,963.40	(+CD of \$38,727.31)
Sensory Garden	\$11,098.77	(+CD of \$32,354.56)
GCA Education Account	\$7,923.78	(+CD of \$28,545.46)

Linda reported a donation of \$250 was made to MBG in honor of Julie Mills.

Weetie Whittemore, Ways and Means, reported on the LGC Auction. A few members need to send in their auction items. Auction is March 31st, 6:30 pm at MBG. There will be music and spouses are invited.

Margaret Fraser, Horticulture, announced that Dr. McKenzie will have a Fern Propagation Pop Up Workshop Wednesday March 23rd, 11am at MBG. If you have participated in the Begonia Propagation, it is time to enter them into the Memphis Flower Show. Gina White will be at meeting tomorrow and will help you shape them if needed.

Kate reported for Tempe Thompson, Membership. Please let Tempe know your status change before May 1st.

Catherine Erb Sikes, Photography, announced that the Daffodil Show is on Saturday, March 19 and Sunday the 20th at the Dixon. They have a photography class that is fun. We need participation. You may sign up on the Dixon website.

Vance Lewis, Flower Show, reported that our Flower Show is "Greenways and Greenlines" on October 20th. It will be posted on the GCA website by March 10th or 14th. Little Garden Club members may register two weeks before everyone else.

Kate reminded everyone to renew their Botanic Garden membership. Be sure they have your email on file in order to get email renewal reminders.

Abbie Williams, Conservation announced that on Saturday, March 5th from 10-12 at Urban Earth you may help plant 3,000 native tree seedlings for the Wolf River Conservancy.

Kate reported that the Wolf River Conservancy had asked for a donation to the Wolf River Restoration Series Annual Tree Planting. There was discussion of how much to donate since we have not donated for a couple of years due to COVID. Money would come out of the Community Account. Kathy Adams made a motion for the LGC to donate \$5,000 to the Wolf

River Conservancy from the Community Account. Janet Misner seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Kate announced that Janelle Lynch, the speaker at the membership meeting tomorrow, will have a reception at the Botanic Gardens this afternoon from 4-6. Please come see her exhibit. There will be wine and cheese.

Kate reminded everyone to organize their officer notebooks with job information to pass along at the May meeting.

Kate informed everyone that only 15 LGC members attended the joint meeting. There was some discussion about ideas for a joint meeting and ways to have better attendance in the future. The consensus was that the current model is not working. Times have changed and people do not want to spend all day at an event, and they thought the lunch portion could be eliminated. They also thought one event for both clubs would be ample, and no need to have both a Joint Board Dinner AND a Meeting. They also thought a dynamic speaker was a must. Couple of suggestions:

- Have one event in the morning (10 or 10:30) with light pastries and coffee, a speaker, and alternate having it between MBG and Dixon based on who is in charge of the meeting. There is no need to have it at MCC or another club if we don't have lunch. If the zone reps come, then the two presidents plus GCA zone reps/position holders can take them to dinner the night prior in place of the Joint Board Dinner.
- Another idea would be to have the joint meeting somewhere "Memphis-y". This would allow us to showcase our city to the zone reps. However, if the meeting continues to be held in Feb that might be limiting for potential venues.

Kate discussed our club name and the decision of keeping "THE" in the name. The vote was split in half and so we will keep our name, The Little Garden Club of Memphis.

Also, Kate reported that there was a committee that had been brainstorming this year for a new name to replace *The Ivy Vine*. She passed around a sheet with a list of potential names. There was a discussion and several iterations of those potential names were discussed. The name that everyone liked was *Green Lines*. It was agreed to move forward with this as our new newsletter name.

Kate announced the last board meeting will be April 6th.

Kate Trammell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Johnston