

**The Little Garden Club of Memphis
Board Meeting
September 7, 2022
Memphis Botanic Garden
Sarah's Place**

Attending: Emily Kay, Garnett Hutton, Tempe Thompson, Katie Wiener, Liz Crosby, Barbara Williamson, Michelle Dunavant, Lucia Crenshaw, Ruthie Taylor, Vance Lewis, Paige Proctor, Katherine Sikes, Mimsie Crump, Jean Johnston, Christy Muller, Alison Barton, Lisa Wilder, Julie Hussey, Janet Misner, Kate Connell, Ginger Collier, Mary Muscari, Bradley Fogelman

Emily welcomed everyone and opened with a moment of silence in memory of Eliza Wellford Fletcher and in support of the entire Orgill, Wellford and Fletcher families.

Emily asked if there were any corrections to the April 2022 minutes. Janet Misner made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Paige Proctor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Emily made the Treasurer's report in the absence of Linda Mallory and Anne Dunavant. Emily reported the following:

Community Fund	\$25,223.56	(+CD of \$86, 240.35)
Administration Fund	\$35,729.55	(+CD of \$55,915.09)
GCA Education Fund	\$10,225.97	(+CD of \$65,596)
Sensory Garden	\$ 9,466..40	(+CD of \$32,410)
Children's Garden	\$ 7438.11	(+CD of \$38,795)
Zone Meeting Fund	\$ 5,524.84	(+CD of 47,901.20)
Memorial Fund	\$ 7438.11	(+CD of 21,337)

Tempe Thompson, Membership, proposed a return to the administration of our membership attendance requirements as they stood Pre-Covid. After much discussion, a decision was made to return to our Pre-Covid requirements. This will be communicated in the newsletter and at tomorrow's membership meeting. We have 2 openings for membership. The proposal forms need to be requested by noon tomorrow and 75 copies of each proposal are due at noon on September 15. Because we will not be having an October meeting, voting will be by email by noon on October 11. The entire membership must vote.

Vance Lewis, Flower Show, announced the LGC flower show, Greenways and Greenlines, will be on October 20 at the Botanic Garden, Hardin Hall. If you haven't been contacted to volunteer to help, you will hear from someone soon. There will be a preview party on October 21. Tickets are \$30. The schedule will be posted on the LGC website.

Ruthie Taylor, Travel, apprised everyone of a plan in the works to travel to Natchez in the Spring. The trip will be organized with the help of Jefferson Mansell, who guided the LGC trip through the Hudson River Valley in August. Also, she has been in touch with Nora Whitmer regarding a day trip to LaGrange. More details on these travel opportunities will be forthcoming.

Katie Wiener, Yearbook, reported that the yearbooks are ready and will be distributed at tomorrow's meeting.

Kate Connell announced a new category under the Garden Club of America titled Civic Improvement. Civic Improvement is a compilation of Founders Fund, Hull Award, Restoration and Partners with Plants. She and Kirk McClintock will serve as our LGC chairs. She asked for ideas of nonprofit organizations to partner with on our first project. This would be a project in which members must be directly involved so as to make it eligible to secure a Common Ground Grant (Founders Fund Grant, \$30,000, and a GCA Grant, \$10,000). Kate has plans with Kirk to meet with the Wolf River Conservancy to explore opportunities for partnership. Kate is also in talks with Memphis Tithe, an umbrella organization for Community Gardens.

Bradley Fogelman, Horticulture, announced a Hort Pop-Up on September 27 at 10:00am at The Botanic Garden. It will encourage newer members or anyone who is reluctant to participate in flower shows by teaching how to fill out the required forms.

Ginger Collier, Photography, announced she and Kim Lowrance will pass a sign-up sheet at tomorrow's meeting to identify members who wish to receive emails about opportunities with photography.

Michelle Dunavant and Mimsie Crump, Floral Design, announced plans to hold a Flower Workshop with Julie Speer on entering a flower show. The date hasn't been finalized at this time. There was discussion about holding a mini or "mock" flower show as part of a meeting with Julie as our "speaker" to judge and let us know what the judges are looking for to make entering a flower show less intimidating. There was discussion about requiring the newest members to arrange the flowers at the New Member party for the incoming members and the idea of arranging flowers on a regular basis at MBG.

Lucia Crenshaw, Garden History Design, announced that she and Katherine Sikes are starting to document Tempe Thompson's patio garden. Katherine and Tempe are in the process of completing the photography.

Jean Johnston, Programs, announced that Alex Hitz will be our speaker at the November meeting.

In New Business, Emily announced our desire to make an honorarium to Rick Pudwell, retiring Director of the Botanic Garden. After discussion, it was decided to consult with Mary Helen and make a proposal to the membership at our meeting in November.

Emily announced that due to Abbie Williams' move, there is an opening for Ways and Means Co-Chair. She proposed Lawrence Cowart for that position.

With there being no further business, Emily adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Garnett Hutton

