

The Little Garden Club of Memphis
Board Meeting
September 8, 2021
Memphis Botanic Garden

Attending: Kate Trammell, Linda Mallory, Jeannie Tabor, Jean Johnston, Julie Hussey, Barbara Williamson, Sue Clark, Abbie Williams, Katie Wiener, Mimsie Crump, Liz Crosby, Ann Prince, Katie Eleazer, Janet Misner, Stacey Hussey, Debbie Phillips, Weetie Whittemore, Christy Muller, Katherine Dobbs, Emily Kay, Michelle Dunavant, Catherine Erb, and Margaret Fraser

Kate welcomed everyone. Kate announced that there will be no zoom for board meetings. They hope to have a video for membership meetings. Kate will put a link to watch video on the website in the password protected members only area.

Kate asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

Kate called on Jeannie Tabor for the Treasurer's report. Jeannie reported the following numbers:

Community Fund	\$12,385.00 (+CD of \$41,017.00)
Administrative Fund	\$58,658.00 (+CD of \$30,762)
GCA Education Fund	\$15,387.00 (+CD of \$20,508)
Sensory Garden	\$6,148.00 (+CD of \$35,890)
Children's Garden	\$2,305.00 (+CD of \$46,144)
Zone Meeting Fund	\$17,252.00 (+CD of \$30,762)
Memorial Fund	\$14,216.00 (+CD of \$11,280)

Margaret Fraser, Horticulture, announced that a sign up sheet is going around for the Hort Interest Group. If you join this interest group you will receive emails about Horticulture. The Farmstead field trip that Margaret and Gina White arranged in Oxford is Thursday, September 16. Cost is \$35 for the visit and lunch. Deadline to sign up this Friday. Drive yourself. They will send directions to those that signed up; and bring your camera.

Abbie Williams, Conservation, announced that we have received a \$2000 P4P grant this year. She would like us to do a weed wrangle in the Woodlands at MBG. She took a hand count and during the school day seemed to be the best time for most. Abbie will send out two or three dates and see what is best for everyone. She also asked if members would be interested in a Wolf River/Ghost River canoe trip and received a positive response.

Sue Clark with Sensory Garden and Community Projects, reported that the young summer intern, Zoe, was pulled in different directions this summer. Sue suggested that in the future we have an independent contractor that only answers to LGC. There is a new hire named Adam. He is dedicating his time to the Sensory Garden. Sue asked for ten volunteers for the Pansy Planting Station during the MBG Halloween Hike on October 30th from 11:00 until 2:00. Tom Pellet was here in the spring and summer. He was pleased with the follow through on his first round of instructions. Sue suggested that moving forward we as a board should consider how we want to support our maintenance of the Sensory Garden.

Janet Misner, Garden History and Design, reported that she and Leslie Schutt have been working on Point No Point, Barbara and Lewis Williamson's farm in Mason, TN. They are working on volunteer forms and need to know if you have ever worked on this project. She gave a "shout out" to Vance who has photographed Point No Point several times a year. They plan to have this garden submitted to the Smithsonian by the end of this year.

Katherine Dobbs, Inspirations, reported that the event date has changed by one day from Thursday to Wednesday, November 10th . Katherine discussed some details about the event and said they have a lot of great sponsors. Little Garden Club active members are required to buy two tickets to the event. The website is up and you can buy your tickets there. The books will be up on the website to order also. They are still adding sponsors up to the \$500 level. They will display posters with the Sponsors name on them around town.

Kate reported for Tempe Thompson, Membership. There are three spots available for new members. Ask Tempe for a proposal for by 1:00 on Thursday, September 10th. Proposal forms are due September 16th. You will need to turn in 75 copies. There should be three sheets per set and stapled.

Michelle Dunavant, Photography, is passing around a sign up sheet if you are interested in getting photography emails and information. Memphis Garden Club Flower Show has their schedule and October 1st is the registration. Gray Maylon is coming to their Garden Club Show on April 9th. There will be a photography contest to determine the club entry for the May Zone meeting on Lookout Mountain, Covid Project and This Land is Your Land contest details are on the website. She and Katherine are working on some workshops. "Shout out" to Kate because the website is incredible.

Stacey Hussey with Programs announced that John Mark Sharpe is coming to the membership meeting tomorrow. There was some discussion about selling the arrangements from tomorrow's meeting. It was decided to make a game time decision and see how many arrangements we will have. Stacey told a little bit about how John Mark Sharpe got started in floral design and suggested for everyone to follow him on instagram.

Kate announced that she will have the Yearbooks at the meeting tomorrow.

Old Business: The Botanic Garden recently renovated the Grand Hallway behind the Goldsmith Room. The Board previously approved spending up to \$10,000 on the website build and the final total was only \$4,899. Kate will be working on how to budget for the \$1,215 annual costs for the website. Kate asked if the Board thought she should add the payment processing fee when paying dues online. The majority agreed that you should add the processing fee. Christopher Spitzmiller is coming to our December meeting and members will be allowed to bring guests. We discussed how much to charge for guests. The decision was made to charge \$50 for each guest.

Debbie Phillips, Travel, announced that they are planning a LGC Trip to Virginia for Historic Garden Week, which runs April 23rd through April 30th. The tour schedule have not been released so the exact date of the LGC trip has not been determined. They hope to include a tour of Bunny Mellon's Farm. Debbie also announced information about the Antiques and Garden Show in Birmingham which is September 30th through October 3rd.

Kate adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Johnston

