

**The Little Garden Club of Memphis**  
**Board Meeting**  
**April 5, 2023**  
**Memphis Botanic Garden**  
**Water Garden Room**

Attending: Emily Kay, Kathy Adams, Alison Barton, Sue Clark, Kate Connell, Lucia Crenshaw, Liz Crosby, EJ Crowley, Anne Dunavant, Mary Call Ford, Kim Gibson, Julie Hussey, Stacey Hussey, Garnett Hutton, Jean Johnston, Linda Mallory, Janet Misner, Christy Muller, Mary Muscari, Leslie Schutt, Catherine Sikes, Kate Trammell, Gina White, Katie Wiener, Lisa Wilder, Elizabeth Williamson, Stephanie Wilson

Emily Kay, President, opened the meeting by introducing Jazmin Miller, Executive Director of Carpenter Art Garden. Jazmin spoke to us about her background, how her heart for art and mission led her to accept the position as Executive Director, and the positive impact CAG has on the Binghampton community every day. She discussed the mission of Carpenter Art Garden, which is to inspire the youth of Binghampton through artistic, educational, and vocational programs. There are 2 main gardens, East and West, where the children of the community can pick organic vegetables which they cook in the CAG kitchen, and for many of them this is the only cooked meal they eat that day. Carpenter has 4 main goals going forward: offer free and accessible garden boxes, grow a pollinator garden, provide a meditation garden, and develop a program for a gardener apprentice. Above all, Carpenter Art Garden wants to share their blueprint with other communities via a Start Garden Program.

Kate Connell, Civic Improvement, who has been developing a relationship with CAG, has worked closely over the past year with Jazmin to identify the wish list comprised of the 4 goals above. Kate pointed out the opportunity for LGC to apply for the GCA Founders Fund to support the Start Garden concept, which would allow CAG to share their model with other communities. After questions about CAG, Jazmin left the meeting.

Emily passed a sheet to sign up to volunteer for the Memphis Botanic Garden Plant sale.

Emily asked if there were any corrections or additions to the March 2023 board meeting minutes. Mary Call Ford made a motion to approve the minutes as written. EJ Baird seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Linda Mallory, Treasurer, reported the following balances:

Administrative Fund	\$18,861.33 (+CD of \$56,013.75)
Community Fund	\$24,261.44 (+CD of \$86,392.51)
Zone Meeting Fund	\$ 1,271.05 (+CD of \$52,273.41)

Anne Dunavant, Assistant Treasurer, reported the following account balances:

GCA Education Fund	\$13,487.00 (+CD of \$65,711.56)
Sensory Garden	\$10,649.50 (+CD of \$26,486.58)
Children's Garden	\$10,367.10 (+CD of \$33,691.02)

Memorial Fund

\$ 3,975.52 (+CD of \$23,780.00)

Linda presented the 2023-2024 budget to the Board. After discussion about possibly increasing the Programs budget, it was decided to revisit this budget item at the end of 2024.

Kate Connell, Civic Improvement, announced the Carpenter Art Garden wish list would cost \$18,446, and she and the Civic Improvement committee proposed that LGC make that gift to them. Meanwhile, we will offer assistance to identify other partner organizations or available grants and other opportunities. Going forward, we hope to develop a closer partnership with CAG through volunteerism, looking toward possibly securing the Founders Fund grant from GCA. EJ Baird made the motion for LGC to donate up to \$20,000 to Carpenter Art Garden for the wish list. Catherine Sikes seconded the motion. The motion passed. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that Jazmin would make a presentation at tomorrow's membership meeting so we can proceed with a vote to extend these funds.

Stacey Hussey, Entertainment, announced our end of year Picnic will be held at Stephanie Wilson's home. Along with Stephanie, Ginger Collier, Katherine Dobbs, Anne Dunavant, and Paige Proctor are our hostesses. Stacey pointed out that in years past we've had many of our membership meetings at various local non-profits and asked for ideas for places to have our meetings in the coming year.

Bradley Fogelman announced that Jean Johnston would be transporting LGC's horticulture entries to Zone in Jackson, MS next week. Please bring your horticulture to Bradley's house on Tuesday April 11 from 8-10:00 am.

Jean Johnston, Programs, announced that our speaker for tomorrow's meeting would be James Abbott who has written the book, Designing Camelot. Books will be available for purchase for \$60, and James will be signing copies.

Sue Clark, Travel, reminded everyone that we will be taking a day trip to LaGrange, TN on Thursday, April 20. The bus will depart at 9:00 and return no later than 4:00

Mary Call Ford announced that when money was raised for the now completed Le Bonheur project, our goal was \$50,000, and over \$63,000 was raised. A letter has been mailed to every person who donated, giving them the option to receive a 21% refund or leave their individual surplus in the Community Fund. As a result, over \$12,000 of these funds will remain in the Community Fund.

Emily Kaye announced that Kate Connell, on behalf of LGC, submitted MBG's Gina Harris for the Hull Award. The Hull Award recognizes the outstanding achievements of individuals furthering the early environmental education for children. Gina is this year's winner of this national award.

Linda Mallory reminded everyone to pay their dues of \$300.

Emily thanked everyone for all of their help and support this year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Garnett Hutton