

The Little Garden Club of Memphis
Board Meeting
April 10, 2024
Memphis Botanic Garden
Goldsmith Room

Attending: Emily Kay, Kathy Adams, Sue Clark, Ginger Collier, Kate Connell, Liz Crosby, Anne Dunavant, Michelle Dunavant, Katie Eleazer, Bradley Fogelman, Kim Gibson, Stacey Hussey, Garnett Hutton, Jean Johnston, Anne Keesee, Kim MacQueen, Linda Mallory, Courtenay, McAllister, Kirk McClintock, Leslie Schutt, Catherine Sikes, Lisa Snowden, Tempe Thompson, Kate Trammell, Katie Wiener, Barbara Williamson, Elizabeth Williamson

Emily Kay, President, opened the meeting. Emily asked for a motion to approve the March 2024 board meeting minutes. Barbara Williamson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Leslie Schutt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Linda Mallory, Treasurer, reported the following account balances as of 2/29/24:

Administrative Fund	\$21,947.41 (+CD of \$58,592.21)
Community Fund	\$24,224.73 (+CD of \$56,172.07)
Zone Meeting Fund	\$ 1,595.61 (+CD of \$64,697.26)

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

GCA Education Fund	\$13,947.17 (+CD of \$63,761.86)
Sensory Garden	\$11,484.73 (+CD of \$23,714.72)
Children's Garden	\$10,255.19 (+CD of \$29,753.23)
Memorial Fund	\$ 5,591.08 (+CD of \$24,877.58)

Linda Mallory presented the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 year. After an expense overview of last year, Linda reported that expenses last year came in under budget. She noted that we are changing accounting firms. Also, we have added \$1,000 to the Flower Show. Kate Trammell made the motion to approve the budget. Kirk McClintock seconded the motion. After a lengthy discussion, the budget was approved by the board. It will be emailed to the membership and a second vote will be taken at the May Picnic.

Stacey Hussey, Entertainment, announced that tomorrow's meeting will be hosted by Michelle Dunavant, Barbara Gassaway, Mary Saxton and Stephanie Weatherford. The May Picnic will be May 2nd at the home of Katherine Dobbs and will also be hosted by Michele Allen, EJ Baird, Bradley Fogelman, Ruthie Taylor, Lisa Wilder, and Julie Wunderlich.

Michelle Dunavant announced that Tricia Hunt has miniature Ginko trees available at Millstone Marketplace.

Bradley Fogelman and Elizabeth Williamson, Horticulture Chairs, announced that the Memphis Garden Club Flower Show Horticulture drop off is today from 12-4 and tomorrow 9-4 at the

Dixon Gallery. Zone Flower Show drop off for horticulture entries will be Tuesday, April 16 from 10-12 at Emily Kay's. On April 24 at 11 am at Sarah's Place, staff from MBG will speak to us about specialty insects and what plants are good for attracting beneficial insects to our gardens to create a healthy ecosystem. GCA set out to make the month of April in every state Native Plant Month, and Tennessee Governor has signed the proclamation for our state.

Kate Connell, Civic Improvement, announced that there will be an opportunity to volunteer to plant annuals at Carpenter Art Garden on Wednesday, April 24. She requested \$500 from the Community Fund to purchase the flowers we will plant. Kate Trammell made the motion, Katie Eleazer seconded the motion. After some discussion about who would actually purchase the flowers, the motion passed.

Tempe Thompson, Membership, announced that as of today, we have slots open for 4 new members. The deadline to change membership status is May 1. Katie Eleazer made the motion to only fill 3 of the 4 new member slots, Anne Kessee seconded the motion. After discussion, Katie and Anne withdrew their motions. Subsequently, Jean Johnston made the motion that we fill all 4 slots for new members, Kim MacQueen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jean Johnston, Programs, announced that tomorrow's speak will be Anne Blackwell Thompson of Blackwell Botanicals.

Kim MacQueen and Catherine Sikes, LGC delegates at the GCA National Affairs and Legislation Conference in Washington DC, gave a brief report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Emily Kay opened the floor for further discussion on our gift the Memphis Botanic Garden Rooted at Park and Cherry Capital Campaign. After lengthy discussion, Sue Clark made the motion to give \$50,000 to the Botanic Garden for the Family Pavilion. Anne Keesee seconded the motion. Subsequently, it was determined that there wasn't a quorum for a vote. It was then determined that a vote would be taken by way of email.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Garnett Hutton