

**The Little Garden Club of Memphis  
Board Meeting  
February 7, 2024  
Memphis Botanic Garden  
Orientation Theater**

Attending: Emily Kay, Kathy Adams, Kate Connell, Liz Crosby, Mimsie Crump, Anne Dunavant, Michelle Dunavant, Katie Eleazer, Bradley Fogelman, Mary Call Ford, Kim Gibson, Julie Hussey, Stacey Hussey, Garnett Hutton, Anne Keesee, Vance Lewis, Kim MacQueen, Linda Mallory, Mary Muscari, Paige Proctor, Catherine Sikes, Lisa Snowden, Ruthie Taylor, Tempe Thompson, Kate Trammell, Gina White, Barbara Williamson, Stephanie Wilson

Emily Kay welcomed everyone. Kim MacQueen introduced Mike Allen, Executive Director of MBG, and Mary Helen Butler, Assistant Director, who presented an update and funding opportunities to The Little Garden Club for the Rooted at Park and Cherry Capital Campaign. Rooted at Park and Cherry was launched 15 months ago with 4 projects in the vision. Three projects have been undertaken: 1) the Arboretum, which is complete 2) additional bathrooms on the south end of the garden which will open in June and 3) a Youth Education and Tropical Plant House, the only such facility in the state. The 4<sup>th</sup> project is an outdoor kitchen between the Urban Home garden and the Japanese Garden, which has yet to be funded. The goal of the campaign was \$5m and to date \$4.4m has been raised. MBG has requested \$1.2m from the state. The 4 opportunities presented for consideration by LGC are: the Arboretum Classroom, the Nature classroom, the Tropical Plant House classroom, and the Urban Home Garden restroom area.

Emily opened the meeting by asking for a motion to approve the January 2023 board meeting minutes. Katie Eleazer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mary Muscari seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kim MacQueen, past President of the Memphis Botanic Garden, addressed the board and announced that she will match whatever the Little Garden Club donates to the campaign and answered several questions. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to table the matter to give us more time to conduct additional due diligence.

Linda Mallory, Treasurer, reported the following balances as of 1/31/24:

Administrative Fund	\$25,125.84 (+CD of \$58,592.21)
Community Fund	\$26,724.73 (+CD of \$56,172.07)
Zone Meeting Fund	\$ 1,594.35 (+CD of \$64,697.26)

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

GCA Education Fund	\$13,844.00 (+CD of \$68,736.44)
Sensory Garden	\$11,300.51 (+CD of \$27,609.61)
Children's Garden	\$10,247.05 (+CD of \$35,119.52)
Memorial Fund	\$ 5,584.15 (+CD of \$24,788.31)

Linda Mallory, Treasurer, asked for the board's retroactive approval to reimburse New Member Party expenses in the amount of \$2,000. After much discussion, Garnett Hutton made the motion to reimburse the expenses. Tempe Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Linda Mallory shared a request from the Wolf River Conservancy for a donation to the annual tree planting. LGC has given \$2500 over the past several years. Kate Trammell made the motion to make a gift of \$2500 again this year. Connie Adams seconded the motion. There will be a second vote at the March membership meeting.

Kate Trammell announced that she ordered custom printed frost flex cups (500) and cocktail napkins (1500). She requested to be reimbursed \$607.10. A motion was made to reimburse Kate by Anne Keesee and seconded by Katie Wiener. The motion was passed.

Anne Dunavant announced on behalf of Bradley Fogelman, Horticulture, that our Hort chairs are tentatively planning a horticulture pop up workshop on raised beds on March 20 as a follow up to tomorrow's speaker, Nicole Burke. We'll be planting flowers and vegetables from seed.

Emily thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Garnett Hutton