

**The Little Garden Club of Memphis  
Board Meeting  
November 9, 2022  
Memphis Botanic Garden  
Water Garden Room**

Attending: Emily Kay, Kathy Adams, Alison Barton, Kate Connell, Liz Crosby, Anne Dunavant, Michelle Dunavant, Katie Eleazer, Bradley Fogelman, Kim Gibson, Julie Hussey, Garnett Hutton, Jean Johnston, Anne Keesee, Kim Lowrance, Linda Mallory, Janet Misner, Mary Muscari, Leslie Schutt, Catherine Sikes, Ruthie Taylor, Kate Trammell, Gina White, Barbara Williamson, Elizabeth Williamson, Stephanie Wilson

Emily Kay, President, called the meeting to order.

Emily asked if there were any corrections or additions to the September 2022 minutes. Bradley Fogelman made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Anne Dunavant seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Linda Mallory, Treasurer, followed by Anne Dunavant, Asst. Treasurer, reported the following account balances:

Community Fund	\$25,023.56	(+CD of \$86,240.35)
Administration Fund	\$31,103.30	(+CD of \$55,915.09)
GCA Education Fund	\$ 9,558.28	(+CD of \$65,596)
Sensory Garden	\$ 4,470.21	(+CD of \$32,410)
Children's Garden	\$ 4,979.99	(+CD of \$38,795)
Zone Meeting Fund	\$ 5,527.14	(+CD of 47,901.20)
Memorial Fund	\$ 7,540.22	(+CD of 21,337)

Barbara Williamson, Conservation, reported that she, Kim Lowrance and Emily Kaye will be attending the Conservation Study Conference this afternoon in Hawaii virtually. She also told the Board that she, Kim Lowrance, Emily Kay, Michelle Dunavant and Elizabeth Williamson were contacted by Elizabeth Coors, Conservation Chair of Memphis Garden Club, and together they met with Paul Young, Memphis Director of Housing and Community Development. Paul spoke to them about blight in Memphis and toured them through blighted areas in the city. They are hoping to arrange to have Paul Young speak to both garden clubs.

Kate Connell, Civic Improvement, spoke to the similar efforts her committee is making toward researching opportunities for LGC to improve our community. Grants available to a single GCA club for a Civic Improvement Project are Founders Fund (\$30,000) and Common Ground Initiative (\$10,000).

Bradley Fogelman, Horticulture, announced a Horticulture event she and Elizabeth Williamson are hosting on December 1 from 5-7:00- "Cocktails with Herbs." While at the Shirley Meneice

Conference in Boston, Bradley and Elizabeth were able to collect many packets of seeds at the conference seed swap and will share them with the membership at tomorrow's meeting. Plant winners at the conference will be announced tomorrow as well.

Jean Johnston, Programs, announced that award winning chef and tastemaker, Alex Hitz, will be our speaker at tomorrow's membership meeting. Alex will talk about his latest book, Occasions to Celebrate. Copies of his book will be available for sale for \$45 each, and he will be signing them. Our December meeting will be held at the home of Kim Lowrance, and Kevin Coble from Le Fleur will be our speaker.

Julie Hussey, Sensory Garden, walked through the garden with Tom Pellett, Adam and Daniel last week. Tom was pleased and believes that it's the best the garden has ever looked. Adam and Daniel were impressed by the signage in other gardens that they visited recently, and their desire is to place permanent signage in the Sensory Garden. Currently they are cataloging the plants based on the master plan of the garden.

Ruthie Taylor, Travel, informed the Board that planning is underway for a big trip in September, and details will be announced in January/February. There will be a day trip to LaGrange this Spring.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

It was decided in the September meeting that the LGC would explore ideas to honor and express our appreciation for outgoing MBG Director, Rick Pudwell. Emily Kaye reported that with the help of Mary Helen Butler, the LGC has donated Rick's favorite native azalea which has been planted in the Sculpture Garden in his honor.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Emily also reported that she contacted the Dixon Gallery and Gardens to inquire about a memorial for Liza Fletcher. Emily made the motion that LGC donate \$200 to The Dixon Gallery and Gardens in memory of Liza, to be held until such time as the Dixon determines its designation. Anne Keesee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Janet Misner informed the Board of the scholarship fund established by her mother for the MBG staff. The purpose of Sarah's Scholarship Fund is to fund travel for continuing education opportunities/conferences for staff members, particularly in horticulture and education.

Kathy Adams reminded the Board that every LGC Member is required to be an active member of the Memphis Botanic Garden. Mary Muscari has compiled a list of LGC Members who need to renew their membership.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Garnett Hutton

