

**The Little Garden Club of Memphis
Board Meeting
September 6, 2023
Memphis Botanic Garden
Goldsmith Room**

Attending: Emily Kay, Kathy Adams, Sue Clark, Ginger Collier, Lucia Crenshaw, Liz Crosby, Anne Dunavant, Michelle Dunavant, Bradley Fogelman, Kim Gibson, Garnett Hutton, Jean Johnston, Vance Lewis, Kim Lowrance, Linda Mallory, Courtenay McAllister, Mary Muscari, Catherine Sikes, Lisa Snowden, Tempe Thompson, Kate Trammell, Katie Wiener, Barbara Williamson, and Stephanie Wilson

Emily Kay, President, opened the meeting by inviting Mary Helen Butler, MBG Assistant Director, to introduce Natalie Brashear, our first ever curator for My Big Backyard. Mary Helen also made announcements about the upcoming MBG Plant Sale and the Urban Home Garden speaker series.

Emily welcomed Courtenay McAllister to the board.

Emily asked if there were any corrections or additions to the April 2023 board meeting minutes. Catherine Sikes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Barbara Williamson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Linda Mallory, Treasurer, reported the following balances:

Administrative Fund	\$40,594.48 (+CD of \$56,013.75)
Community Fund	\$ 13,449.73 (+CD of \$71,8223.30)
Zone Meeting Fund	\$ 1,274.25 (+CD of \$52,273.41)

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

GCA Education Fund	\$9,393 (+CD of \$65,711.56)
Sensory Garden	\$11,682 (+CD of \$26,486.58)
Children's Garden	\$10,388 (+CD of \$33,691.02)
Memorial Fund	\$ 5,610 (+CD of \$23,780.00)

Michelle Dunavant, Floral Design, announced that she and Mimsie Crump will host a workshop before the October 12th meeting in the Water Garden Room. Meredith Bishop, our October speaker, will teach us how to put together causal bouquets. The workshop will be held at 9:30 am and space is limited.

Tempe Thompson, membership, distributed new member ballot packets.

Tempe notified the Board that she will propose the following changes to Section 6 of the bylaws at tomorrow's membership meeting:

Section 6: Election of New Members

1. (1) The Membership Chairman will announce the number of vacancies to the Board. The Board will determine the number of vacancies to be filled. Election of new members will be held in October. The Membership Chairman will have proposal forms available anytime at the request of the proposer ~~or at the September Membership meeting~~ **on or before August 31st.** All forms must be returned to the Membership Chairman no later than ~~one week after the September membership meeting~~ **the Tuesday following Labor Day.**
2. (2) *No changes*
3. (3) Each Active Member shall cast a ballot ~~in person by proxy, or by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots must be delivered before the vote is tallied at the election meeting.~~ **by email to the Membership Chairman. Deadline is 5pm the day preceding the October meeting.** Each member may vote for the number of candidates she chooses, not to exceed the number of vacancies.

The reasons for making these changes are 1: every other year we are delayed in scheduling our September meeting as we await the announcement of the date of Presidents' Council, and 2: the increasing costs and unreliability of the US Postal Service.

Tomorrow's proposal will be the First Reading of these changes, it will be published in the October issue of Greenlines, and then a Second Reading will be made at October's membership meeting, followed by a vote.

Courtenay McAllister, Entertainment Co-Chair, announced that the New Member Party will be Nov 7 at the home of Abbie and Duncan Williams.

Lucia Crenshaw, Garden History and Design, announced that we are now able to use digital photography for submissions to the Smithsonian.

Jean Johnston, Programs, announced that tomorrow's speaker is Kim Halyak, who started the Cooper Young Garden Club and founded the Cooper Young Garden Walk. She announced the following speakers for the 2023-24 year:

October 12: Meredith Bishop of Bloom & Bounty Urban Flower Farm in Nashville

November 9: Rebecca Gardner- entertainer from Savannah and New York

December 7: TBA

January 11: Sarah Bell- photographer

February 8 (joint meeting): Nicole Burke, author of Kitchen Garden Revival

March 7: Lichterman Nature Center @ Lichterman

April 11: Anne Blackwell of Blackwell Botanicals- pressed blooms, foliage, and seaweed

Stephanie Wilson, Inspirations Co-Chair, announced that Inspirations will be in November 2024.

Sue Clark, Travel, announced that everything is set for the Chicago trip- "Let's Go Chicago"- September 10-15.

NEW BUSINESS

Emily Kay read an email from Patty Barry requesting a sponsorship donation for the Memphis Botanic Garden Halloween Hike, a safe, daytime trick or treating event with stops for learning opportunities. Kate Trammell made a motion for LGC to donate \$200 to the Halloween Hike. Lisa Snowden seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Lisa Snowden informed the Board that she and Kate Trammell met with Mike Allen, MBG Director and Mary Helen Butler, Asst Director, to discuss the installation of a permanent marker attributing the cherry tree along Cherry Road to The Little Garden Club. As a result, a decision has been made to put a marker outside and another one in the main entrance. The designs of these markers are pending.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Garnett Hutton