

**The Little Garden Club of Memphis
Membership Meeting**

**April 6, 2023
Goldsmith Room**

President, Emily Kay, welcomed everyone and called on Kate Connell to introduce a special speaker.

Kate Connell, Civic Improvement, informed us that for the past year the Civic Improvement committee comprised of Emily Kaye, Kate Trammell, Natalie Latham, Lisa Snowden, Paige Proctor has been working to identify a nonprofit with whom LGC could partner. She announced that they have found Carpenter Art Garden to be an ideal fit, and she introduced Jazmin Miller, the 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. She outlined the Carpenter Art Garden's 4 main goals: 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.

Emily Kay thanked Jazmin. She announced that on Wednesday the Board approved a motion to fund Carpenter Art Garden's wish list with a donation of \$20,000. Emily asked for a motion from the membership to fund this donation from the Community Fund. Katie Wiener made the motion. Karen Wellford seconded the motion. After clarifying that this is a one-time contribution, the motion passed unanimously.

Emily asked for a motion to approve the January 2023 minutes. Weetie Whittemore made the motion, Kate Trammell seconded the motion. Emily asked for a motion to approve the March 2023 minutes. Ginger Collier made the motion and Liz Crosby seconded the motion. The January and March minutes were approved as submitted.

Linda Mallory, Treasurer, reported the following balances as of 3/31/23:

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)
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 reminded everyone that the budget was emailed to the membership. It will be voted upon next month. She asked everyone to look over it and let her know if you have any questions.

Ann Prince, who served as our delegate to the 40th National Affairs and Legislative Conference (NAL) in Washington, DC, reported that she had an enlightening trip. She heard many wonderful speakers, including Kyle Lybarger of the Native Habitat Project and she suggested that we all follow him on Instagram: @nativehabitatproject. April is native plant month and Ann encouraged us to take advantage of the many things we can do in our own gardens to promote a healthy environment.

Stacey Hussey, Entertainment, announced that our last meeting will be our end of year Picnic at Stephanie Wilson's home on Thursday, May 4.

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

Ruthie Taylor, Travel, announced that all those signed up to go to La Grange will depart on Thursday, April 20 at 9am from the parking lot of the Memphis Hunt and Polo Club.

Emily passed a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help at the Memphis Botanic Garden Plant Sale on April 13-15.

Emily Kaye informed us that Kate Connell, on behalf of LGC and with the help of Mary Helen Butler, nominated MBG's Gina Harris for the Hull Award. The Hull Award recognizes the outstanding achievements of individuals furthering the early environmental education for children. Emily announced that Gina is a 2023 winner of this national award.

Emily Kay thanked Sue Clark, Lucia Crenshaw, Margaret Frazer, and Leslie Schutt for hosting today's meeting.

Paige Proctor, Programs, introduced James (Jim) Archer Abbott as our Speaker. Jim serves as the Executive Director of Wrights Ferry Mansion in Columbia, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania which operates under the Louise Steinman Von Hess Foundation. He graduated from Vassar College and the Fashion Institute of Technology of New York. He has an illustrious resume serving as director of many well-known museums and colleges and has published numerous books and articles. Jim delivered a delightful and informative talk about his most recent book, Designing Camelot, in which he delves into the Kennedy's thoughtful and lasting efforts to transform the interior of the White House.

Emily thanked our speaker and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Garnett Hutton