

The Little Garden Club of Memphis
Membership Meeting
Awards Picnic
May 4, 2023
The home of Stephanie Wilson

Emily Kay, President, welcomed everyone.

Emily asked for a motion to approve the April 2023 minutes. Kate Trammell made the motion, Stacey Hussey seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

Linda Mallory, Treasurer, noted that everyone received a copy of the 2023-2024 budget by email which was approved by the Board in April. Copies of the budget were also available at today's meeting for final review. Weetie Whittemore made the motion to approve the budget, Natalie Latham seconded the motion. The budget was approved as submitted.

Kate Connell, Civic Improvement, commended our club for stepping up in such a big way to lead and work on various projects at Carpenter Art Garden. A group of LGC members, led by Kate Trammel assisted CAG with choosing pollinator plants. We have another group going next week to help kindergarteners plant their vegetables. Lisa Snowden is working with Jazmin to help create fun street art. Catherine Sikes has invited the children to her art show and host an art class. EJ has arranged a police ice cream social for August. There will be many more opportunities to help CAG in the future.

Emily announced that as a result of Kate's efforts, with the help of Mary Helen Butler, GCA has awarded the Partners for Plants (P4P) grant to The Memphis Botanic Garden. This grant will provide \$3,000 for the restoration of the Woodland Gardens.

Elizabeth Williamson, Horticulture, announced that Governor Bill Lee signed a proclamation declaring April as National Native Plant Month in Tennessee, a nationwide initiative started by the GCA.

Kathy Adams reported for Tempe Thompson that we have 3 openings for membership next year. Cathy encouraged members to contact Tempe with their nominations.

Dee Muller won the drawing for \$100 for paying dues by May 1.

Emily thanked Stephanie Wilson for opening her lovely home to us and thanked our hostesses: Stephanie Wilson, Ginger Collier, Katherine Dobbs, Anne Dunavant, and Paige Proctor.

Emily called on Lisa Snowden to present the Annual Awards. Lisa presented the following awards:

-The Chairman's Award was awarded to Christy Muller. This award was given to Christy for being a go-to member who is always willing to take on a job. Christy has catered our meetings, organized and planned food for the Flower Show and has been an enthusiastic member of our merchandise team for Inspirations.

-The LGC Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Weetie Whittemore. This award was given to Weetie for her enthusiasm as a member and for re-envisioning our auction and serving so well as Treasurer.

-The Best in Show Award was awarded to Lucia Crenshaw. This award was given to Lucia for her enthusiasm and for encouraging others along the way as our Secretary, Treasurer, Entertainment Chair and more.

-The Frances Garrott Donelson Horticulture Award is given bi-annually to a member for her knowledge and love for horticulture and for her inspiration and education of the membership. This award was presented to Linda Mallory who is a blue ribbon winner, a GCA Hort Judge, and has co-chaired our LGC Flower Show and our Zone Meeting.

Emily was excited to announce that our LGC President-Elect is Linda Mallory.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Garnett Hutton
Recording Secretary