

The Little Garden Club of Memphis
Board Meeting
November 4, 2020
Memphis Botanic Garden

Attending: Kate Trammell, Mary Call Ford, Linda Mallory, Jeannie Tabor, Jean Johnston, Kathy Adams, Lisa Snowden, Tempe Thompson, Christian Owen, Ragan Magness, Kim Lowrance, Liz Crosby, Vance Lewis, Katie Eleazer, Michelle Dunavant, Elizabeth Williamson, Kate Connell, and Paige Proctor

Kate welcomed everyone and asked that we approve the minutes from the September meeting. Ragan Magness made a motion to approve the September minutes and Katie Eleazer seconded the motion. The board voted to approve the minutes.

Kate called on Assistant Treasurer, Jeannie Tabor to give the treasure's report. Jeannie reported the following numbers:

GCA Education Fund \$14,751.67 (+CD \$20,000)

Sensory Garden \$12,475.14, (+CD \$35,000)

Children's Garden \$9,529.00, (+CD \$45,000)

Memorial Fund \$12,679.05, (+CD \$11,000)

Jeannie gave a report of her job as Assistant Treasurer and reminded everyone to please don't forget to include an address if you send a memorial for someone that is not a member.

Kate called on Linda Mallory for the Treasurer's report:

Linda reported the following numbers as of October 31, 2020:

Administrative Fund \$46,825.25 (+CD of \$30,000)

Community Fund \$34,567.86 (+CD of \$40,000)

Zone Meeting Fund \$17,310.85 (+ CD of \$30,000)

Linda gave a report of her job as Treasurer. She has been collecting dues, setting up accounts for online banking and working with Quick Books program.

Kate introduced an idea to help with collecting dues. She suggested to request dues at the beginning of May while people are still thinking about LGC. She opened the floor for discussion. Linda Mallory said that Venmo helped a lot this year.

Kate announced that we will move into Committee Reports. She asked Tempe Thompson, Membership to start. Tempe reported that she has several jobs. She keeps up with addresses and phones numbers with people move, pass away, of change status. She is in charge of changing by-laws and keeping then updating and sending out ballots for new members.

Michelle Dunavant, Photography, reported next. Michelle talked about the American the Beautiful Contest and how it was a great learning experience. There is online voting on November 20th. There will be a third workshop on November 12th, 10 am at the Dixon. Few spots left. Michelle encourage everyone to just submit a photo for the next submission on January 15th. She is going to send out reminders. She also explained the Covid Project. A project that you submit two images, all submission are due by May 21, 2021. Michelle also talked about the 2021 Salute To Journey contest. Encourage everyone to look on the website.

Kathy Adams reported that she is doing awards. Kathy said that it does help for everyone to update their resume. She is going to try to work on that in January.

Mary Call Ford, Past President, reported on her role with New Member Education. She will get in touch with new members and help the new members understand about GCA. Mary Helen

said they are working on the trees today in the entry into the Sensory Garden LeBonheur is getting ready to start on the Berms.

Mary Call also reported on In Stitches' (Needlepoint Club). Over 20 people joined the group that Mary Call and Emily are heading up. The first project was to make floral key rings. They are now working on pillows. Everyone has had a ball learning and it has been fun.

Kate reported for Julie Hussey, Corresponding Secretary, She has written several condolences to family members. Reminder to our members about the MBG renewals. Please renew if you haven't.

Christian Owen, Communications, reported that she works on the LGC Newsletter and maintains the social media page. Also, special projects with digital media for GCA Bulletin. January 15th deadline for Spring Bulletin. Some discussions about what we could put in the GCA Bulletin.

Kim Lowrance reported on the Sensory Garden. Sue Clark and Kim have been working on getting power washing done and adding some trees that will be shade friendly. They are getting estimates for these and other Sensory Garden updates.

Ruthie Taylor presented a photo album made in honor of Mary Call Ford's reign as President of LGC.

Ragan Magness, Conservation, reported that she and Abbie Williams have been working on Partners for Plants Grant. They received \$1500 from GCA. They have used the money to focus on the Woodland Forest. There are four acres in the middle of the garden. Mary Helen has gotten them to do a survey. There is a Weed Wrangle on Friday morning at 9:00. You can sign up on the volunteer list on the website or just show up. They have applied for two federal grants to support the trail reconstruction. They are working with the Wolf River Conservatory too.

Kate reported for Katie Weiner, Entertainment. They are updating paperless post and evite with email address changes.

Lis Crosby, Floral Design, reported that they have some ideas about doing a Flower Flash Mob at Le Bonheur. They are thinking about some more workshops and searching for some ideas. Liz announced that she is going to do the entry for the Zone Flower Show (virtual) for New Orleans. Entries are due on February 23rd and show is in March.

Vance Lewis, LGC Flower Show, reported that the show will be in October 2022. She has come up with a list and job for everyone. If you have any ideas for the themes for the GCA Show, let her know. GCA Show means it is not just our club. It will have more judges and people from out of town.

Katie Eleazer, Founders Fund, reported that Becky Scott is the Zone rep for Founders Fund. We may want to consider the Le Bonheur project for Founders Fund in the future. If we do the Flower Flash Mob at Le Bonheur, pics from that would be great to have in the future for this proposal.

Kate reported for Leslie Schutt, Garden History & Design. Garden History and Design hopes to complete documentation of Barbara and Lewis Williamson's Point No Point Farm by the end of next spring. The Williamson's would like to focus on their daffodil garden that was planted by several generations. They plan to get June Davidson to help identify older daffodil varieties.

Gina White, Horticulture, reported that they have had a busy fall. You can go to the GCA site under Horticulture and you can watch Shirley Meneice speakers. November 19th there is a Zone 7 Virtual Show - on GCA website. Daffodil Sale this weekend. Zone meeting Flower Show will be virtual. We will submit 5 Hort entries plus 1 challenge class entry.

Kate reported for Ruthie Taylor, Judging, If you are interested in the GCA Judging Program you may contact Ruthie.

Kate reported for Weetie Whittemore, Ways & Means. They do not have any projects at present.

Kate reported for Kim MacQueen, Travel. They are hoping to do a spring road trip exploring all the treasures close by that are pandemic friendly. Hoping for Chelsea Flower Show next year.

Kate Connell, Visiting Gardens, reported that all GCA Visiting Gardens trips are all on hold. Once they start back up again, the Memphis trip, previously scheduled for April 2021, will be one of the first ones on their schedule once trips are restarted.

Elizabeth Williamson, Programs, reports that she and Stacey have learned a lot. She feels they are off to as good a start as possible given the situation, especially since many clubs are not meeting at all. They welcome any feedback on the fall programs. She gave a quick update on the logistics for tomorrow's meeting at Big River Crossing. No Dec Meeting. Jan will be a virtual meeting with Kristen Wolter with Everbloom. Joint Meeting was cancelled due to COVID and MGC was in agreement. We will be responsible for Joint Meeting next year instead. Kate mentioned what a fantastic job Programs has done with all the pandemic limitations this year.

Paige Proctor, Inspirations (previously known as Happenings) has been rescheduled for 11/4/21. They are in holding pattern for now.

Kate reported for Dot Fisher, Yearbook. She has been keeping up with address and bylaw updates as they come through.

Other Announcements:

Vance Lewis reported on Holiday Wonders schedule at MBG.

LGC Reads: The book for December is "The Secret Garden". There is a movie tie-in if you are interested.

Kate Trammell, President, reports that her goal has been to get us through this year healthy and happy. She welcomes suggestions for improvements. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Johnston, Recording Secretary

