

The Little Garden Club of Memphis
Membership Meeting
September 10, 2020
Liz Crosby's Backyard

Kate welcomed us back to a new year that will be unusual but fun. She thanked Elizabeth Williamson and Stacey Hussey for working hard over the summer redoing programs and setting up our new video live stream service. Also, thanks given to Mimsie Crump and Katie Weiner for setting up a club paperless post account and for the extra work they had to do meeting covid19 protocols in regard to our meetings. Thank you to Michelle Allen, our Covid-19 Specialist for providing us with hand sanitizer and extra masks.

Kate thanked Dot Fisher for the great job she did with getting the yearbooks out this year, especially for the hand delivery service. In addition, she thanked Tempe for proofreading and Virginia for the typesetting assistance. And, thanks to Stilly McFadden at Toof Printing for giving us a discount. If you see him, tell him thank you!

Kate thanked our meeting hostesses: Liz Crosby, Barbara Keathley, Loren Powell, Paige Proctor, and Gina White.

Kate asked if anyone had changes to the minutes. Then, she asked for someone to make a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Barbara Williamson made a motion to approve the December minutes and Lucia Crenshaw seconded the motion. The membership voted to approve the minutes.

Linda Mallory, gave the Treasurer's report. Linda reported the following amounts in our accounts (Please note that the balances reported for our accounts at the September meeting were as of 8/31/20.)

Administrative Fund	\$58,687.22	(+ CD of \$30,000)
Community Fund	\$34,567.86	(+ CD of \$40,000)
Zone Meeting Fund	\$12,152.44	(+ CD of \$30,000)

Shirley Meneice passed away this summer and we gave \$100 in her memory to the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference Fund. Linda reported that we received a thank you note. Linda has collected dues from all but four members. Many thanks to Linda for setting up a Venmo account for collecting dues. We have a sales tax exempt form to be used when purchasing for LGC. We do not reimburse sales tax. Kate is going to email everyone the form to keep on their computer and/or phone. Our sales tax form does not expire until 2023.

Jeannie Tabor gave the Assistant Treasurer's report. Jeannie reported the following numbers:

GCA Education Fund	\$14,626	(+ CD of \$20,000)
Sensory Garden	\$12,443	(+ CD of \$35,000)
Memorial Fund	\$12,655	(+ CD of \$11,000)
Children's Garden	\$9,498	(+ CD of \$45,000)

Jeannie thanked those that have given a memorial or honorarium this summer. She asked if you would please use the form in the back of the membership book when sending memorials and honorariums. Also please send an address if acknowledgement is to be sent to a non-member.

Tempe Thompson, Membership, reported there are no meeting requirements this year due to Covid. There is no new member party this fall. We will find a way to welcome our new members. We plan to reschedule new member party when it is safe to gather.

Voting: Tempe has four proposal forms. She asks for you to get her any more proposal forms by 5:00 today. She needs to receive the votes by Wednesday, October 14th. You may email or

phone. Everyone must vote. We have three spots available. If you don't want to vote, you still have to let Tempe know.

Tempe Thompson has two Bylaw changes.

Current Bylaw: Sec 4: Life Members

A member, who after 20 years of active participation in Garden Club activities, may request being placed in the Life member category. Such application must be made in writing by May 1 to the Membership Chairman and passed on by the board. Such action will take place before the May Membership Meeting.

1. (1) They may not vote, hold office or serve on the Board. They may propose and endorse candidates for membership. They may serve as a hostess or on a committee when requested.
2. (2) The yearbook shall be sent to them each year and the newsletter. They may attend all meetings.
3. (3) They pay dues as recommended by the Board and approved by the membership. They are excused from all club obligations, but may work voluntarily.
4. (4) There shall be no limit to the number of Life members

Proposed Change:

A member, who after 20 years has been an Active member in The Little Garden Club, may request being placed in the Life member category.

Current Bylaw: Sec. 2: Mentor

The qualifications and requirements shall be:

1. (1) An Active member in good standing wishing to become a Mentor may apply to the Membership Committee in writing by May 1. To be eligible for this category a member must have served 20 years as an Active. No more than 2 members may apply each year for this category and they may remain in this category no more than 5 years at which time they will move to Life.
2. (2) A Mentor must attend 3 meetings a year, serve as a hostess every other year, may serve on committees and on the Board (excluding the 64 Executive Board). She is obligated to pay full annual dues as recommended by the Board and approved by the Membership.

(3) A Mentor may propose or endorse and vote for candidates for membership. She may not be a delegate to a Zone or Annual meeting but she may serve as a Zone Representative.

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We will vote on the changes at next month's membership meeting.

Weetie Whittemore announced Ways and Means will be selling wreaths this year. There are three different sizes in the rounds: 20 inch, 24 inch and 28 inch. We have a cross, square and a candy cane. We are using the same company as last year. Please order your greenery by September 28th. She has pictures with her if you want to see. You may mail a check to Weetie or venmo her. If we do not get enough orders, we will not order this year.

Paige Proctor, Inspirations, reported that we are not having Inspirations this fall. It has been moved to November 4, 2021. Sponsors are First Bank, RSVP, and Randy Jefferson and she asked that we please support them when possible.

Stacey Hussey and Elizabeth Williamson announced the winners of the mask contest:
Most Little Garden Club Mask went to Katie Weiner (against the rules of no glitter and feathers)
Funniest Mask went to Michelle Dunavant (Rolling Stones)
Most Creative went to Lisa Wilder (her mask matched her dress)

Kate shared some ideas she has for ways we can do things both together and apart this year with Covid. We will have a new book group, LGC Reads. Connie Adams and Leslie Schutt will be in charge. Details and sign up will be coming. There will also be a new needle point group, LGC in Stitches, led by Mary Call Ford and Emily Kay. They are sending a sign up via email. First project is a beginner project. Limit is 25 people. The deadline to sign up is Monday September 14th and the first class is the 28th.

Horticulture, Margaret Fraser and Gina White, thanked everyone that participated in Pepper Contest. Michelle Dunavant is our pepper producer and Quarantine Queen. Entries were displayed on Liz's porch. Margaret thanked Kate Trammell, Gina White, Kathy Adams, Katie Wiener, Linda Mallory, Corinne Adrian, Ruthie Taylor and Liz Crosby for participating in Pepper Contest.

Gina reminded everyone about the Shirley Meneice Contest. One of the great things is that everyone can attend virtually this year. It is September 22nd and 23rd. There are four different speakers, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. You need to register. Link is on the GCA website. She encouraged everyone to look online at the seed swap.

Margaret explained how to go into your garden and get seeds and put in cute little envelopes and label it. Stay tuned for some pop-ups from Hort!

Kate encouraged everyone to try out the virtual Shirley Meneice conference as it is a good way to see if you would like to attend the conference in the future.

Michelle Dunavant and Catherine Erb Sikes, Photography, thanked Kate for the great job she is doing during this difficult time.

Catherine told us about three workshops planned for this fall. The first one is September 29th with Greg from Garden District. He is doing an arrangement and Sarah Rossy from the Scout Guide is going to teach us how to take a still life of the arrangement. Then, on October 15th, Fran Doggrell is coming to teach us some great tricks with lighting on your iPhone to get a good picture of you children and/or grandchildren. In November, take a walk through the Dixon with Murray Reese. Limited to 15 people only. Go ahead and sign up. Send an email to Michelle to sign up.

Michelle reminded everyone about the 'America the Beautiful' photography contest. Registration started online September 1st and goes through September 30th. She informed us that Class One, Five, Eight, and Ten are full. They are accepting one photo per class. But, this could change and you might be able to enter up to three additional photos. It is fun and you never know, you might win!

Victory Garden Photography Winners:

Class One was Foxfield Pepper: Margaret Fraser for all her little baby peppers.

Second Place was the Most Enthusiastic: Tempe Thompson for the most beautiful “weed”.
Class Three was Peppers Grown from your Garden: Ruthie Taylor
Second place was The Most Creative: Polly Glotzbach
Third place was Margaret Fraser for the Largest Pepper Crop

Kate, Awards Chair for last year, announced the 2020 Little Garden Club Award Recipients:

Julie Hussey received the LGC Chairman’s Award for being our go to member for any job needed.

Katie Eleazer received the LGC Perennial Award for being a past president who is enthusiastically involved.

Linda Mallory and Gina White received the LGC Certificate of Appreciation for their hard work chairing the 2019 Power of Perception Flower Show.

Katie Wiener received the LGC Best in Show Award for having a willing attitude and accepting any job and encouraging others along the way.

Catherine Erb Sikes received the LGC Mary Whitaker Gotten Trophy awarded biannually to a member of 10 years or less for her knowledge, ability, and enthusiasm that has furthered the ideals of the LGC.

Michelle Dunavant received the LGC Marguerite Turner Achievement Award in recognition of outstanding accomplishments while promoting the activities and interests of the LGC.

Leslie Schutt received the GCA Club Horticulture Award for horticultural knowledge and her willingness to share her knowledge with our members.

Tempe Thompson received the GCA Club Photography Award for her knowledge of photography and her willingness to share her talents with our members.

Kate thanked Katherine Dobbs, Ruthie Taylor, and Kathy Adams for the beautiful flowers that were given to the award recipients.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Johnston , Recording Secretary