

The Little Garden Club of Memphis
Board Meeting
September 9, 2020
Memphis Botanic Garden
Sensory Garden

Attending: Kate Trammell, Linda Mallory, Jeannie Tabor, Jean Johnston, Julie Hussey, Kathy Adams, Tempe Thompson, Barbara Williamson, Christian Owen, Sue Clark, Ragan Magness, Katie Wiener, Liz Crosby, Katie Eleazer, Michelle Dunavant, Elizabeth Williamson, Kate Connell, Kim MacQueen, Weetie Whittemore, and Paige Proctor

Kate welcomed us back to a new year that will be different but we are going to make it fun anyway! 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 also for the extra steps they had to take to accommodate for the new covid19 protocols in regards to our meetings. Also, thank you to horticulture and photography chairs for the Victory Garden Contest.

Kate asked that we approve the minutes from the April meeting. Barbara Williamson made a motion to approve the April minutes and Lindy Mallory seconded the motion. The board voted to approve the minutes.

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

Please note that the balances reported for our accounts at the September meeting were as of 8/31/20. Numbers were as follows:

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/orphone. Our sales tax form does not expire until 2023.

Kate discussed the \$695 fee that we will pay ProShow for their services providing a live stream as well as a YouTube video link of our membership meetings. There was a brief discussion about whether the cost was worth it for these services, in order for all members to have access to meetings. Kate, Stacey & Elizabeth will be monitoring how many views we have for each service (live stream, video link) after the first meeting and will determine if there is value to the club for providing these services. The discussion ended on a positive note with agreement that live streaming meetings and providing YouTube video links of meetings during these Covid times would be worth the cost if our members use it.

Kate asked Jeannie Tabor to give 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, 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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Tempe will present this at Membership Meeting this month and we will vote on the changes at next month's membership meeting.

There are no meeting requirements this year. 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 needs proposal forms by the 17th of September. 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.

Kate thanked Dot Fisher for the great job she did with getting the yearbooks out this year. In addition she thanked Tempe for proofreading and Virginia for assisting with the typesetting. Kate also thanked Stilly McFadden at Toof Printing for giving us a discount of \$1 per booklet this year. That discount, plus use of our sales tax exemption certificate, allowed Kate to cut the cost this year from \$850 to \$600 for the booklets. She brought up that GCA is into conservation and while she personally loves a printed copy, asked the question: are we being wasteful by printing booklets every year? The floor was open and several board members said they like having the printed copy of the yearbook and that it helps them when doing their job. There was a suggestion to offer a paperless option in the future for those that do not use the yearbook or want to practice conservation.

New business: Liz Crosby spoke about a project that she thought the LGC might have interest. It is the Madison Avenue Park located downtown on Madison Avenue between Second and Third Street. Both of Liz's brother-in-laws, Scott and Mark Crosby, have invested in this park. Memphis has used the Park for movie nights, marriage ceremonies, picnic, art openings, concert, etc. The Park needs help with landscaping and gardening assistance in all areas except the lawn. Liz discussed how she would like the LGC to visit the Park and see if we would like to become involved in helping with this space. The board discussed and asked Liz to go back to Scott Crosby for a more concrete proposal on how he envisions LGC helping with this Park project.

Kate shared Michelle Allen's masks project and selling them to give money to Botanic Garden or Le Bonheur. After discussion, it was decided to not be involved with this project.

Weetie Whittemore, Ways and Means, reported there have not been many greenery sales. Please order your greenery by September 28th. They are selling wreaths, candy canes, squares, crosses and rounds. You may mail a check to Weetie or venmo her.

Kate said she plans to put together a committee to research the creation of a club website. Kate has already done a lot of research on this over the summer and following are ideas about what the site might include. An LGC website could be divided into 2 parts, one public and one private. In the public section of the site, we could include our mission statement, projects, events (with ticket purchasing ability), club history, LGC garden history & design submissions at Smithsonian, and a place for others to make memorials or honorariums. The members area could include a directory, calendar (including meeting schedule, board meeting schedule, workshops, other gca meetings and conferences that pertain to LGC), bylaws, archives for Ivy Vine and both board and membership meeting minutes, links to videos, place to pay dues and make donations, trip info, photo gallery, forms, ways & means info, including how to sign up for amazon smile/igive/kroger/superlo.

Kate thanked us for coming and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Johnston, Recording Secretary