

The Little Garden Club of Memphis  
Board Meeting  
March 18, 2021  
Memphis Botanic Garden

Attending: Kate Trammell, Linda Mallory, Jean Johnston, Julie Hussey, Lisa Wilder, Lisa Snowden, Kim Lowrance, Ragan Magness, Katie Wiener, Liz Crosby, Vance Lewis, Katie Eleazer, Margaret Fraser, Ruthie Taylor, Michelle Dunavant, Elizabeth Williamson, Kim MacQueen, Weetie Whittemore, Paige Proctor, Dot Fisher, and Catherine Erb

Kate Trammell, President, welcomed everyone to the March Board Meeting. Kate thanked Dot Fisher for making the new member stickers for everyone's LGC yearbook.

Kate asked if there are any changes to the February minutes. Lisa Wilder made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Katie Eleazer seconded the motion. The board voted to approve the minutes.

Kate called on Linda Mallory for the Treasurer's report and the Assistant Treasurer's report. Linda reported the following numbers as of February 28, 2021:

Administrative Fund	\$48,260.11	(+CD \$30,686.36)
Community Fund	\$25,166.33	(+CD \$40,915.14)
Zone Meeting Fund	\$17,327.79	(+CD \$30,686.36)
Sensory Garden	\$13,582.92	(+CD \$35,800.75)
Memorial Fund	\$13,632.93	(+CD \$11,251.66)
Children's Garden Fund	\$9,668.40	(+CD \$46,029.54)
GCA Education Fund	\$15,027.33	(+CD \$20,457.57)

Linda announced that they rolled these CDs over last fall for only 6 months because the rates were so low. They will be reevaluated soon.

Julie Hussey, Corresponding Secretary, reported we have some members with delinquent dues for the Memphis Botanic Garden. Julie and Kate have a list of those that need to pay. You may pay at the front desk. You may also pay for more than one year.

Paige Proctor, Inspirations, started a discussion about dates for Inspirations. She has Bunny Williams (speaker) scheduled for November 4, 2021 at Memphis Botanic Garden. Question that Paige brought to the Board: Do we feel comfortable hosting this big event in November with Covid still possibly being an issue? Or should we wait until Fall of 2022 and combine with the Flower Show? Different ideas were discussed. After discussion, the majority of the board approved of moving forward to have the event, Inspirations, in November 2021.

Katie Eleazer, Membership for Tempe Thompson, reminded everyone we have two Mentor slots available. You must have been an Active Member for 20 years to be qualified for Mentor. You must submit to Tempe in writing by May 1st. Mentors are first come first serve only. Kate reminded everyone about our Affiliate status (someone who is having difficulty participating, but doesn't want to quit). Affiliates may still come to meetings, etc. but they can not vote, hold office, propose a candidate or go to zone or annual meetings. They may apply for membership when ready to participate again and a spot becomes available. Going Affiliate opens up a spot for someone who is able to participate.

Kim Lowrance, Sensory Garden, told us about the 2021 summer intern, Zoe Woods. She worked at Dan West and Botanic Garden before covid. She will work 75% with the Sensory Garden and My Big Back Yard and 25% with Botanic Gardens. Excited to have her!

Kim MacQueen, Travel, announced she and Debbie Phillips, co-chair, have been investigating. They are hoping to have a day trip planned for May. They are working on something safe, quick, and fun. They have some “irons in the fire” and will keep us posted.

Kate Trammell, President, brought up some Old Business about the Cherry Trees. She reminded us that we approved to replace 16 Cherry Trees for \$3,000. But, Kate and Lisa Snowden investigated and found spots for 28. The executive committee approved an extra expenditure for \$1,480. So, the total amount spent on Cherry trees was \$4,480.

Kate announced the awards for the Zone IX Flower Show:

We are so proud of:

Lisa Snowden: Barbara Spaulding Cramer Award.

Liz Crosby: Floral Design, Honorable Mention

Mary Call Ford: Photography, 2nd Place

EJ Baird: Botanical Arts-Needlework Section, 1st Place

Margaret Fraser: Horticulture, 3rd Place

Ruthie Taylor: Horticulture, 1st Place

Kate Trammell: Horticulture, 1st Place

Gina White: Horticulture, Two 1st Place

Michelle Dunavant: Horticulture Challenge Class, Great Effort!!

Kate asked if anyone was opposed to indoor programs, new member party, and joint meeting for next year? We all agreed to plan like normal for next year.

Kate Trammell, President, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Johnston, Recording Secretary