

Little Garden Club of Memphis
Membership Meeting
March 21, 2019
Sara's Place at the Memphis Botanic Garden

Mary Call called the meeting to order. After welcoming us and telling us Happy Birthday, she reminded us that immediately following the meeting photos will be taken outside. Mary Call expressed sadness about the loss of Marilyn Hughes. She was a great leader, a great lady and will be missed. She thanked us for our kindness when Mott's dad died.

Soldiers welcomed us to our birthday meeting today. Mary Call asked if anyone knew of their providence? They are from the Merry Christmas houses of years past. In the 1960's, they lined the walk to the house. They were in the old Adams house attic (Now Loren Powell's home). Thank you for finding them!

Our members of 25 years or more, Silver bells, are wearing flowers today.

Mary Call pointed out flowers on the front table that are in beautiful containers. The containers are actually awards in honor of two very special people. The first is the Lucy Carrington Jones Cup. Lucy was a judge and Medal of Merit winner. Katherine Dobbs was the award recipient last year. The second is the Mary Whitaker Gotten trophy. She was Meredith Pritchard's mother. Loren Powell received her award last year. Thank you Katherine Dobbs arranging flowers for both containers and the arrangement on the buffet.

Mary Margaret Holmes shared a memory with Mary Call. When Mary Margaret got in the LGC, Martha Robinson came to her door and shared that through life LGC was a group that most special to her. What a lovely memory.

Mary Call called on Weetie Whitemore for the treasurer's report. Weetie's numbers were as follows:

Administrative Fund-\$87,192.86
Community Fund-\$69,648.93
Zone Meeting Fund-\$36,812.65
Marguerite Turner-\$1,867.73

Liz Crosby, Conservation, reported that the Partners for Plants application was submitted to GCA. She and Kim Gibson have just returned from the NAL conference. They were in Washington from Sunday to Wednesday. They heard great speakers on Monday on many different topics. Tuesday they were on the hill and heard from legislators. While we hear the not much is happening in Washington, things are getting accomplished. The Botany Bill is going through. The Land and Water Conservation Act is fully funded. It was very exciting to hear. She and Kim have an Ivy Vine article to come. Liz suggested that we get on the GCA website and look at the conservation information. It is very detailed. There is a National Audubon Society link on which you can insert your zip code. It will tell you native plants for the area and which birds are attracted to them.

Leslie Schutt, Horticulture, is thrilled that we are having begonia rooting workshop on Tuesday, April 30 at 10 am. It will be held at Peggy Peters home on West Cherry. Peggy is very passionate about begonias. She has many different varieties. We will all go home with cuttings and rooting instruction which can be used for our flower show in the Fall. Leslie also needs horticulture for the Zone meeting in Beaumont, TX. Please focus on hardy greenery that will travel well. Horticulture drop off is April 8 from 1-3 at Corinne Adrian's on Harbert.

Gina White, Flower Show, announced that there is a challenge class for first and second year new members. It will be fun.

Ruthie Taylor has a photography workshop with Vance Lewis on April 18 at 3:30. We will meet at the cutting garden at the Dixon. Vance plans to teach us how to take close ups and landscapes that can be submitted to GCA shows

Kate Connell & Michelle Dunavant, Travel, have 15 members going to Greenville. Mignon Canale has been incredible helping them get the trip together. They have many surprises in store.

Lisa Wilder, Parliamentarian, brought up the proposed bylaw changes. She advised the membership that the board voted to approve the changes. She moved that the membership approve the board's decision. Weetie Whittemore seconded. The membership vote was aye. Katie Eleazer told us that May 1 is now the date to make a membership status change.

Mary Call brought up the summer interns for the MBG whom we have in sponsored in the past. We have given \$5,000/intern and sponsored two interns. The Board approved that we maintain this level of support. Katie Wiener moved. Lisa Wilder seconded. It was approved.

Mary Call is excited that 12 of 13 past presidents are here today. Aggie Turley is the only one not in attendance. Mary Call has gotten sashes for the past presidents to wear today. Barbara Williamson, Vance Lewis, Kathy Adams, Katie Eleazer, Connie Adams, Tempe Thompson, Lisa Snowden, Anne Keesee, Barbara Keathley, Lynn Fulton, Natalie Latham, Flo McGowin, Peggy Jones, and Jan Bell. Thank you for all that you have done over the years.

Happy Birthday to our March ladies.

Kate Trammell, Awards, gave certificates from GCA recognizing members of more than 40 years. Jan Bell, Natalie Latham, Flo McGowin, Meredith Pritchatt, and Peggy Jones were recognized. Lucy Carrington Jones received a certificate for membership of more than 50 years. Thank you Ladies for all you have done for the Little Garden Club!

Emily Kay entertained and educated us with a trivia game. All winners (and all members) received an embroidered handkerchief for their efforts.

The meeting was adjourned and the Birthday celebration continued.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Wiener, Recording Secretary