

The Little Garden Club of Memphis
Board Meeting
November 7, 2018
Memphis Botanic Garden

Attending:

Mary Call Ford, Gina White, Katie Eleazer, Weetie Whittemore, Michelle Dunavant, Kate Connell, EJ Baird, Julie Hussey, Anne Keesee, Liz Crosby, Lisa Wilder, Barbara Williamson, Sue Clark, Kim Lowrance, Abbie Williams, Kim Gibson, Mimsie Crump, Vance Lewis, Catherine Erb, Gay Boyd, Jean Johnston

President, Mary Call Ford, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. She asked that we approve the minutes from the October meeting. Barbara Williamson moved and Abbie Williams seconded. There was no discussion and the vote was aye.

Mary Call made us aware of the location change for the membership meeting. We are in the Goldsmith room rather than Sara's place. We have 67 people coming for the meeting and lunch tomorrow. Please make the Life Members feel welcome.

Mary Call thanked Christian Owen for doing such a great job on the Ivy Vine. She thanked Catherine Erb and Vance Lewis for the photographs.

Weetie gave the Treasurer's report. She gave the following balances:

Administrative Fund-\$74,304.72

Community Fund-\$72,783.96

Marguerite Turner-\$1,867.02

Zone Meeting Fund-\$36,740.12

Weetie will inform the membership of the dues increase. Dues are considered late after August 1. It is recommended that we pay dues in April or May. A discussion of charging late fees ensued as did Venmo. Vance pointed out that from an accounting standpoint PayPal is superior to Venmo. The discussion was tabled.

Mimsie gave the Assistant Treasurer's report with the following balances:

Memorial Fund-\$19,205.06

Sensory Garden-\$45,786.05

Children's Garden - \$57,044.69

Mary Call announced for Corresponding Secretary, Lucia Crenshaw, that we all must be members of the MBG. To date 22 people had not renewed. A list of those who need to renew will be available at the membership meeting.

Julie Hussey received applause for the new member party. Abbie Williams reported that Duncan was doing well. Mimsie Pettit and the new members did the flowers for the party. Julie thanked those who attended for coming and responding. All Active and Life members responded while few Affiliates did.

Mary Call reported that Horticulture, Leslie Schutt and Linda Mallory, has a workshop coming up on November 13 at 1 pm at the MBG. Please respond so that they know how many people to expect.

Mary Call spoke on behalf of Programs, Ragan Magness. Elizabeth Heiskell will be selling books at our meeting tomorrow. The caterer is using recipes from the new book for our lunch.

Kate Connell and Michelle Dunavant, Travel, asked if there was any interest in going to Nashville February 1-3 for the Antiques and Garden Show. There was discussion on taking a day bus trip on February 2 as well. There is availability at the Westin. Kate announced a Spring trip to Greenville, SC April 2-5, 2019. We will have cocktails at Mignon Coors, go to the Greenville Country Club for dinner, have a downtown tour and dinner and the peace of a free evening.

Sue Clark still has Tervis tumblers available. Jean Johnston has the Christmas greenery. Wreaths and garland are available. We can pay today and pick up on December 1 at Sue's house. We got bulk cost on the items. Mary Call thank Sue and Jean for a job well done with Ways and Means.

Mary Call reminded us of the Christmas Auction for Programs. It will be a silent and live auction. Please drop your things off early and place a value on the donated item. All members are required to make a donation. The money raised goes to Ways and Means.

Lysbeth Francis of the Memphis Garden Club will come to our meeting tomorrow to talk about the Phoebe Cook lecture on November 15.

Mary Call passed out new member name stickers for all of our yearbooks. She then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Eleazer