

The Little Garden Club of Memphis
Board Meeting
October 10, 2018
Memphis Botanic Garden

Attending:

Mary Call Ford, Gay Boyd, Margaret Fraser, Lisa Wilder, Natalie Latham, Linda Mallory, Liz Crosby, Michelle Dunavant, Katherine Dobbs, Mimsie Crump, Weetie Whittemore, Katie Wiener, Lucia Crenshaw, Julie Hussey, Kathy Adams, Jean Johnston, EJ Baird, Katie Eleazer, Kate Trammell, Jeannie Tabor, Abbie Williams, Gina White, Paige Proctor, Virginia Rowland.

President, Mary Call Ford, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. She suggested that we approve the minutes from the September meeting. Weetie moved and Julie Hussey seconded. The votes were ay. Mary Call talked about Presidents council in Jackson, MS. She reminded us what a great group of women the GCA contains. She learned a lot and enjoyed meeting others.

Mary Call called on Weetie Whittemore for the Treasurers report. Weetie reported the following balances:

Administrative Fund-\$74,805.76
Community Fund-\$72,833.96
Marguerite Turner-\$1,867.02
Zone Meeting Fund-\$36,720.20

Mary Call asked Weetie to discuss the results of their meeting about raising dues. It was suggested that we raise Active, Affiliate, and Mentor Member dues to \$300, Life Member dues to \$150. This will cover the increase in GCA dues, Federated Garden Club dues, new member party expenses, additional yearbook expenses, flower show expenses, and provides a miscellaneous category which gives a little play. We can provide the small amount of excess to budgets that need a little extra funding. Linda Mallory moved that we approve. Lisa Wilder seconded. The board vote was aye. Weetie will bring this up at the November membership meeting for discussion and vote.

Mary Call called on Mimsie Crump, Assistant Treasurer, for her report. The balances follow:

Memorial Fund-\$19,000.06
Sensory Garden-\$45, 971.27
Children's Garden-\$57,012.69

The numbers are lower in Sensory Garden and Children's Garden accounts due to a \$5,000 payment out of each of the accounts to cover the MBG interns.

Community Projects, Jeannie Tabor reminded us that on Wednesday the 17th the Sensory Garden cleanup is from 4:30-6:30. Mary Call requests that we respond to Jeannie so that she is able to purchase the right amount of wine. The cleanup is mandatory for new members and their proposers.

Entertainment, Julie Hussey reported that sending an Evite for our membership meeting and lunch was very successful and it will continue. Life and affiliate members can opt in or out of the evite. Julie is providing the option so as not to inundate their email. The option of responding directly from the Ivy Vine still exists. The response deadline is noon on the Monday prior to meeting. Christian please add the deadline to the newsletter. The New Member party is November 1 at Abbie Williams.

Horticulture, Linda Mallory shared that she and Leslie Schutt are working on a pop up about plant division. She wants us to know how to divide perennial. They are working on a bulb

forcing workshop in January which might have a fee. The daffodil sale is November 3. This weekend there is a District rose show and convention in Millington. Gina White is clerking. There is a photography class as well. All of the information is online. To enter the show, you must register for the convention.

Photography, Mary Call for Ruthie Taylor. There is a photography workshop on October 24 at 4:30 at the Memphis Botanic Garden Koi pond. In the event of rain, it will move to Catherine Erb's studio.

Programs, Mary Call for Ragan Magness. Please carpool to Elmwood tomorrow. There will be spaces reserved for our members with mobility challenges.

Travel co-chair, Michelle Dunavant reminded us that the GCA has wonderful road trips on the website. Kate Connell and she are working on a trip. They are waiting to finalize prior to making an announcement.

Ways and Means, Jean Johnston showed us the cute Tervis tumblers with our logo that are for sale. They are \$18 each or 2 for \$32. We have a new vendor for greenery this year. Jean and Sue are highlighting 4 items, but we can order what we want from the catalogue which is less limiting than in the past. Orders will be delivered immediately after Thanksgiving November 27-29. Ordering will be available at the November meeting. As a reminder, Ways and Means money goes into travel expenses

New Business

Mary Call is looking for volunteers for Flick or Treat which is Saturday, October 27 from 5 pm -7 pm. Michelle Dunavant, Kate Trammell, Mary Call Ford, Kathy Adams, Vance Lewis and Gay Boyd are available to help. LGC has sponsored a station.

Julie Hussey announced that the Wolf River Conservancy dinner is November 10 at Opera Memphis. Jeanne Arthur has asked that we help set at 11 am.

Mary Call reminded us of the procedure for new members. She calls the new members. She then calls each proposer about the status of their candidate. We will know who the new members are after they have accepted. Mary Call encouraged us to call, text, email, or write a note to the new members. We all need to be mindful of them at the next few meetings. We need to be sure that they feel included, have a place to sit and are well welcomed. The GCA has created a new member kit. It is a folder with all sorts of information including a wonderful Resource book and a letter from Mary Call. She is giving them a tote bag as well.

Kathy Adams reported for Barbara Williamson on Crosstown town tour. Scott Morris was amazing. It was a great tour and the margaritas on the second floor were really good.

Linda Mallory reminded us that we can opt in to receive all publications via email on the GCA website. They are now free to us via email.

Mary Call adjourned and thanked us for coming.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Wiener, Recording Secretary