

The Little Garden Club of Memphis  
Membership Meeting  
October 3, 2019  
Le Bonheur

Mary Call welcomed us to Le Bonheur. She briefly turned the meeting over to Maureen O'Connell with Le Bonheur who was happy to host our meeting in the new Physicians' room with Catherine Sike's art work on the wall. She explained that Linda Hill would talk to us about the Le Bonheur green in detail after we finish our meeting. Michael Wiggins is Le Bonheur's new president and he will join us for lunch after the meeting. Maureen said that they are open to hosting meetings for LGC members and anyone else who may want to learn more about Le Bonheur and Le Bonheur Green.

Mary Call and Kate Trammell enjoyed President's Council. They learned a lot and came back with great ideas. Please pay your MBG dues this month. Lucia Crenshaw will have a reminder in Clippings and the Ivy Vine. Mary Call asked that we approve the minutes from our September meeting. Weetie Whittemore made the motion and Connie Adams seconded. The membership voted to approve.

Jeannie Tabor and Liz Crosby have a Sensory Garden clean up on October 16 from 4-6. There will be golf cart tours of the Wildflower Woodland. Let's get the Sensory Garden looking good for our flower show! And, we will celebrate the 30th Birthday of the sensory garden that day - cake and bubbly will be served!

The Plant Sale is this weekend at MBG. LGC members are 8 of 12 volunteers. Thank you! Our flower show is October 24 and MBG's Flick or Treat will be October 26.

Linda Mallory, Flower Show co-chair, has flower show schedules today. Please get one if you have not. Look at the horticulture that can be entered and search your yard. Horticulture entries will be accepted on the 23rd. After the judging is complete on the 24th, there is a reception just for our membership from 1-2. The doors open to the public from 2-4 and at 4 pm the show will be taken down. The photography and floral design classes are full. If you entered a photograph, please do not take it with you at the end of the day. Tempe is taking all of the photographs down and will return them to the members on a later date.

Kate Connell and Michelle Dunavant, Travel chairs, have 35 people signed up thus far to go to the Philadelphia Flower Show February 27-March 1. Non members can attend. Bring your mom, daughter, sister-in-law.

Jean Johnston, Ways and Means, has greenery order forms today. This is a new company as she was not happy with the shipping fees and poor quality of last year. You may order wreaths, garland, and crosses. Orders are due tomorrow with delivery to Jean's house (39 East Cherry) the day after Thanksgiving. She doesn't need payment until you pick up.

Kate Trammell has the new LGC aprons. Please send \$30 to Kate by Venmo or check if you would like one.

Vance Lewis passed around seeds from the seed share at the Shirley Meneice conference.

New business. Kathy Adams has a new grandson. Roy Calvin Adams "Cal" was born this morning!

Several donation opportunities are on the horizon: GCA and MBG. Tempe Thompson is the TN rep for the GCA Second Century Capital Campaign. She explained that GCA is fiscally

responsible and very conservative with their money. This campaign is to further certain projects in the future. It will fund Partners for Plants, the Founder's Fund, Shirley Meneice Conference, GCA Endowment, Blackburn Conservation and National Affairs Fund, Cudahy Education Fund (which helps pay for the annual meeting) and the General Scholarship Fund. As of today, Zone IX has commitments of \$652,000 from 206 donors. Zone IX is the third largest contributor thus far. Tempe reminded us that we have received money from GCA over the years (\$20,000 in 1988/1989 for the Founders Fund Award and \$2,000 this year for Partners for Plants grant). This is important to keep in mind as we consider our club's donation.

Tempe recommended that we give \$15,000 to the GCA campaign (starting in December) over a 5 year period. This was the recommendation of the board. In the discussion Katie Wiener said that it felt cheap. Conversation ensued. Kathe Crane said she is in favor of giving to GCA, but likes for most of the LGC dollars to go back into the community. Mary Call said she will give the club an update on our financial situation at the next meeting so that we can make an informed decision before we commit to these donations. This gift is totally confidential and other clubs do not know what we will give. None of this is to be discussed outside of this meeting. The steering committee and headquarters are the only ones who know what we give. We would like to designate our donation to the Founders Fund. Tempe also has GCA scarves that are \$140.

Vance Lewis spoke about the MBG. Over 66 years, six of our members have been President of the Memphis Botanic Garden. The goal is to raise \$6,000,000. They intend to have \$3,000,000 in a reserve fund to maintain the property and \$3,000,000 to fund new projects. They have identified 14 projects. The parking lot will get an additional 70 new spaces. Visitors Center, Hardin Hall, and the Goldsmith corridor will be renovated. Kim MacQueen is on the board and on the committee. Vance recommends we give \$25,000 to the campaign and designate our funds to the new Visitors Center. We will vote on this at our next meeting.

Mary Call pointed out that Le Bonheur is also a donating opportunity for us to consider today. She then thanked our hostesses Bowie Campbell, Natalie Latham, Vance Lewis and Shelley Turley.

Our portion of the meeting was adjourned and Le Bonheur Art Director, Linda Hill welcomed us and shared the story of Le Bonheur Green. Twelve year old Lucy Krull and her mother, Kate, shared their moving and inspiring story of being a patient and family at Le Bonheur - and their hope for all patients and families to have a green space and gardens for rehabilitation, relaxation and healing outside the walls of the hospital.

After the meeting, lunch was served in the Community Room downstairs and we were joined by the LeBonheur development team, Le Bonheur President Michael Wiggins and Lucy and Kate Krull.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Wiener, Recording Secretary