

The Little Garden Club of Memphis  
Board Meeting  
September 10, 2019  
Memphis Botanic Garden

Attending: Mary Call Ford, Weetie Whittemore, Sue Clark, Jean Johnston, Mimsie Crump, Katie Wiener, Katie Eleazer, EJ Baird, Kate Trammell, Kim Lowrance, Julie Hussey, Tempe Thompson, Paige Proctor, Ragan Magness, Leslie Schutt, Liz Crosby, Gina White, Lucia Crenshaw, Catherine Sikes, Jeannie Tabor, Katherine Dobbs, Abbie Williams, Kirk McClintock, Virginia Rowland, Natalie Latham, Barbara Williamson, Corinne Adrian, and Kate Connell

Mary Call welcomed us back for a new year. She brought snacks and gifted us with wonderful watering cans with spray bottles attached. She is looking forward to our new year.

Mary Call called on Weetie Whittemore for the Treasurer's report.

Weetie's numbers were as follows:

Administrative Fund - \$86,440.63

Community Fund - \$71,713.16

Marguerite Turner - \$1,869.12

Zone Meeting Fund - \$36,905.33

GCA Education Fund - \$19,577.47

The GCA Education fund contains the money raised by Ways and Means. It has been separated from the Administrative account. Members can send memorials to the GCA Education Fund. EJ asked Ways and Means for new aprons. Kate Trammell said they have been done. Mary Call mentioned opening CDs at the bank with some of our funds to safely raise our income.

Mary Call asked Mimsie to give the Assistant Treasurer's report. Mimsie reported the following numbers:

Memorial Fund - \$22,012.86

Sensory Garden - \$50,000.37

Children's Garden - \$59,102.08

Jeannie Tabor, Community Projects, passed a sign up list for the Fall Plant sale at MBG on October 4 and 5. She also asked that we help with a pansy planting activity during Flick or Treat on October 26 from 4:30-7. Several members have helped in the past and enjoyed it greatly.

Liz Crosby, Conservation, shared that her Partners for Plants grant was approved. The project benefits the Wildflower Woodland at the MBG. We have received the first \$2,000 of the grant money which she is presenting to Mary Helen Butler (with the MBG) on Thursday.

Paige Proctor, EJ Baird and Ann Prince have a Floral Design demonstration with Julie Spear scheduled on September 25 from 9 to 2:30 at MBG. The cost is \$130 which includes all of the supplies and lunch. Please call or email Paige to sign up and make your check to our club.

Gina White and Linda Mallory have been hard at work on the Flower show schedule. It is finished and ready to be printed. She thanked us for all signing up for the flower show. The photography class is full. She needs people for floral design and horticulture. There will be a members only reception on October 24 from 1-2 after the judging is complete after which the show will be open to the public. If your job requires that you purchase anything, please use the tax id form. Gina also has a form for reimbursement that can be given to Weetie. Tempe asked Gina if the schedule is online on the GCA website. Gina said that the schedule is available but GCA won't let us post in on their website. Lisa Snowden is working on getting that changed.

All agreed that it would be beneficial if it was on the GCA website. Sue Clark asked for more floral design sign ups on behalf of her and Mimsie Crump. Please sign up. Julie Hussey needs us to save clear bottles. She and Bowie Campbell are collecting both tall and short bottles.

Mary Call thanked Leslie Schutt and Michelle Dunavant for their YouTube instructional videos. We can learn so much from them. She also shared that Kathy Adams and Vance Lewis are in Denver at Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference representing our club. Ruthie Taylor is there as our Zone Horticulture Representative.

Kirk McClintock asked that we get our information for the Ivy Vine to her by the 20th of each month. It will give her time to get the Ivy Vine to us well before our meeting. The email is [ivyvine.lgc@gmail.com](mailto:ivyvine.lgc@gmail.com)

Ragan is excited about our Programs this year. Elmore Demott is a talented photographer. She will be selling prints at our meeting so bring your checkbook. Next month we have a special meeting at LeBonheur. We will carpool because while our parking is close, it is limited. This meeting came into being because Catherine Sikes installed her art down there. She called Mary Call and suggested that we needed to visit. Ragan rearranged the schedule to allow for this meeting. They have a green space they want us to see. Mary Call has some information about it if you would like to read it.

Kate Connell and Michelle Dunavant have planned a trip to Philadelphia for the Philadelphia Flower Show. The dates are February 27- March 1. We will visit Longwood Gardens and Winterthur on Friday. On Saturday we will have a private tour of the Flower Show with early entry. It will be around \$1,400. Members discussed what a great trip it will be. Past trips to the Philadelphia Flower Show have been wonderful.

Sue Clark, Ways and Means, reminded us to check our Kroger cards to make sure we are giving to LGC. We can also choose the Little Garden Club on Amazon Smile. Superlo has a program similar to Kroger's. We will need to sign up. Jean has 10 Tervis Tumblers to sell. The online programs are easy ways to earn money for LGC.

Tempe is selling annual meeting scarves. There are three choices. One is square. The other two are long. The samples she has today are \$135 or they can be ordered on the GCA website for \$135 plus \$5 shipping.

There is a calendar on the tables for us to reference. Mary Call pointed out that the joint meeting format has been changed for this year. It is at 5 pm on a Wednesday night at the Memphis Country Club. The Memphis Garden Club is hosting this year. It is dinner and speaker rather than a separate board dinner with the speaker the following day. She thanked us all for signing up to attend the Backyard Bash at the MBG on September 21. It should be a great party.

Virginia Rowland is handing out yearbooks on Thursday. She thanked Mary Call, Tempe Thompson and Kate Trammell for looking at the yearbook for corrections. She is excited to have a photograph of all but 4 member in the yearbook this year.

Mary Call thanked us all for coming and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Wiener, Recording Secretary

