

The Little Garden Club of Memphis
Membership Meeting
September 12, 2019
Memphis Botanic Garden

Mary Call Ford welcomed us and called the meeting to order. She asked that we approve the minutes from the May meeting. Weetie Whittmore moved that we approve the minutes. Abbie Williams seconded the motion. The membership voted to approve the minutes.

Mary Call asked Weetie to give her Treasurer's report. Weetie reported the following balances:

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

Weetie shared that the GCA Education Fund can receive memorials. The account contains the funds raised by Ways and Means.

Mary Call asked Mimsie Crump 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

Mimsie has stationary and is able to send notes from the GCA Education Fund.

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. She has a Sensory Garden cleanup scheduled on October 16 from 4-6. It will be great to get the Sensory Garden refreshed prior to our Flower Show. There will be golf cart tours of the Wildflower Woodland while we clean the Sensory Garden.

Paige Proctor has 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 are excited about our Flower Show. Thank you for signing up to do arrangements and for photography. 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. Please email Gina with any questions that you have.

Sue Clark and Mimsie are looking for people to sign up to create a flower arrangement. Grab a friend and get creative.

Leslie Schutt and Michelle Dunavant are doing a workshop about how to enter horticulture for a flower show.

Liz Crosby and Kim Gibson were successful in their Partners for Plants grant. We have received \$2000 for the restoration of the Wildflower Woodland at the MBG. Mary Helen Butler (MBG) is going to get a native plant expert to help them figure out what is not native so that they can remove the non natives from the Woodland. We will reapply for additional grant money in the future. Mary Helen asked that we buy tickets online for the Backyard Bash celebrating the 20th Anniversary of My Big Backyard. She thanked us for the interns we

provided this summer. Both women were from Mississippi State and worked 40 hrs per week all summer.

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. If you have photos, she loves to include them.

Mary Call announced for Ragan that next month our meeting will be held at Le Bonheur. They have a beautiful green space for us to see. Carpooling will be coordinated through Ragan and Kim. It will not involve a lot of walking.

Kate Connell and Michelle Dunavant have planned a great trip to the Philadelphia Flower show. You can wear your fur coats as the "Philadelphia bears" did in the early 90's. Philadelphia was our first trip as a club. 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. The cost will be around \$1,400.

Ways and Means, Jean Johnston, has a list of 3 things we can do to help her. She passed out instructions for signing up with Kroger, Amazon, and IGive. If we make the Little Garden Club our designee, we receive funds from all three groups. Jean has a few Tervis Tumblers left to sell.

Mary Call hopes you picked up on your new yearbook when you came in the meeting. Virginia Rowland did her best to make sure the information is accurate. If you find an error, please let her know so that she can fix it for next year. Please check to see if you are hosting a meeting.

Tempe Thompson is selling Zone Meeting scarves. There is one square scarf and two long scarves. The scarves are \$140 and can be ordered from Tempe or through the GCA website.

Katherine Dobbs and Paige Proctor are excited for Happenings 2020. It is November 5, 2020. The speaker is Bunny Williams. Mary Call knew the person who knew how to get to her. Thank you to people who have said yes to committee work. It is going to be a great event.

Mary Call thanked our hostesses: Jean Johnston, Denise Ware, Stephanie Weatherford and Abbie Williams.

Mary Call and our speaker Elmore DeMott went to college together. Mary Call is excited to have her visit us. Ragan Magness introduced Elmore DeMott who is an artist and photographer. She is very involved in arts in Montgomery. Elmore graduated from Vanderbilt. There are photographs in the back of the room for sale. Please welcome Elmore.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Wiener, Recording Secretary