

The Little Garden Club of Memphis
Membership Meeting
September 13, 2018
Memphis Botanic Garden

Mary Call Ford, President, welcomed the group. She expressed her thanks for our group and her excitement for her next two years. She re-caped all that occurred this Summer and the education opportunities that presented themselves. Mary Call is bringing a bell to our meetings to encourage us to ask questions. Any time a member has a question she is asked to ring the bell. Mary Call expressed excitement over our new logo and all of the ways it will be used. Janet Misner kindly had pins with our old logo made for all of us as a reminder of things past.

Weetie Whittemore gave the treasurers and the assistant treasurers report. The following are her balances:

Administrative Fund - \$82,714.71

Community Fund - \$74,321.03

Marguerite Turner - \$1,866.67

Zone Meeting Fund - \$36,703.31

Memorial Fund - \$18,872.92

Sensory Garden - \$50,647.98

Children's Garden - \$61,959.17

Weetie announced that we are sponsoring 3 scholarships for the Memphis Horticulture Society seminar, Cultivate Wild, for a total of \$600. We are also contributing \$175 for Flick or Treat at the Memphis Botanic Garden.

Mary Call called on Lucia Crenshaw, Corresponding Secretary. We have beautiful new note paper with our logo. She is excited to send notes. Mary Call shared that Sue Clark printed our stationary at cost. Lucia reminded us to renew our memberships at the MBG in October.

Jeannie Tabor, Community Projects, announced that she and Catherine Erb are having "weed and wine" clean up in the Sensory Garden on October 17 from 4:30-6:30.

Liz Crosby, Conservation, passed around information about the Memphis Horticulture Society seminar.

Margaret Fraser and Connie Adams, Garden History and Design, are trying to engage us by making history and design "real and fun". Margaret asked where the photograph of the bird houses in our newsletter was taken? Most of us mistakenly assumed Buzzy Hussey's yard. They are actually in Mary Call's yard. There will be more "guess where" photographs to come. Margaret and Connie are continuing to document Point No Point Barbara and Lewis Williamson's farm.

Linda Mallory, Horticulture, announced that Leslie Schutt and Mimsie Crump are at Longwood Gardens for the Shirley Meneice conference. Linda had seed left from last years conference. She offered them to our group. Linda and Leslie are focusing on propagation this year. They will have a pop up soon.

Christian Owen, Ivy Vine, shared that only digital versions of the Ivy Vine will be sent in order to save approximately \$400 per year. Our newsletter is available on the GCA website. Please send your Ivy Vine contributions to the correct email, ivyvine.lgc@gmail.com. The deadline is the 15th of the month for the next month's publication. Christian and Ruthie Taylor have discussed using more original photography. Please send photos to Ruthie for review.

Katie Eleazer, Membership, explained how votes are counted. The membership chair, who is a past president, and 2 to 3 other past presidents count the votes. The membership chair is the only person who sees who voted for whom. She shreds original document and deletes all digital information after the new members have accepted.

Mary Call spoke about Photography on Ruthie Taylor's behalf. Ruthie is forming a group called "Clicked". She has two events scheduled. The first is on October 24 at 4:30 at the MBG and the second is November 14 at 4:30 Catherine Erb's studio. Catherine is going to help us take photographs of landscapes at the MBG with the camera on the manual setting. She will explain what judges look for in her studio. She is also going to teach us about still life photography in her studio. Catherine asks that we bring an item that is meaningful to us to create the still life.

Ragan Magness shared that she and Kim MacQueen are excited about Programs this year. They would love suggestions for programs for next year.

Sue Clark and Jean Johnston, Ways and Means. They sold out of LL Bean bags with our new logo. Logo cups coming up are coming up next. The Christmas auction is back at our December meeting and they have a new garland delivery person.

Mary Call introduced Virginia Rowland, Yearbook, and thanked her for all of her work. They completely redesigned the yearbook and Virginia did a great job. Tempe went through all of the awards and made sure things were correct. If the awards are on the GCA website, they are in our book. Virginia reorganized the handbook with tabs. She included photographs of active members. Birthdays are listed and there is a blank page for new members. A sticker with the new members information will be sent to all members.

New Business

Mary Call called on Kate Trammell. We have a new shed behind Hardin Hall. You may put garden club related stuff in it. The code on the lock is 1929 which is the year we were founded. Please tidy up boxes, label them and create an inventory list for the box prior to putting them in the shed. Does anyone have a spare step stool (Emily Kay does). New logo FrostFlex cups are in the shed. We may use them for meetings and lunches. Please return them clean and dry. Mary Call shared that Kate secured the cups and napkins at cost.

Barbara Williamson. Todd Richardson wants to take us on a tour of the completed Crosstown. Barbara and Mary Call are looking at October dates. Tempe received the Creative Leadership Award at the Zone meeting in Knoxville. Dede Petri, GCA President, spoke at length about Tempe's achievements at the Zone meeting.

Kim MacQueen introduced our speaker Sybil Sylvester. Sybil grew up in Birmingham. She started designing flowers early starting her own business at 34. She had a flower business out of her garage called Wildflower. She went on in 1996 to open her own shop. She combines European and Southern traditions to create beautiful designs. Sybil is active in her community. Her book Fresh is available to purchase today.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Wiener, Recording Secretary