



DULUTH GARDEN FLOWER SOCIETY

Date: 01/03/2014

Recorder: Lisa Jefferson

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Bookworms Dale Hurst*	Gitche Gumee Ann Fink	Lakeshore Botanical Gardens	Northern Lights	Smithville
Chester Creek James Gittimeier	Hart Haven	Lakeview	Northland Orchid Society	Tischer Creek Tom Kasper
Coffee Creek Joan Barrett*	Hortus	Longview	Oregon Creek Julie Mockler Printha Markert	Upper Cody Community Garden
Duluth Heights	Lake Aire	Morgan Park	Park Point Charlene Shimmin*	Wild Ones
Essentia Wellness	Lake Superior Rose Society	Mt. Royal	Proctor Hilltop Kathy Hannan	Zenith City Diggers Lisa Jefferson Bob Norstrom*
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners	Lake Superior Master Gardeners	Normanna	St. James "Mary" Garden	<i>*Indicates affiliation with more than one club</i>

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of 11/04/13	No corrections	<i>James Gittimeier motioned to accept the minutes. Julie Mockler seconded. Minutes were approved</i>	
Treasurer's Report	<p><u>Balance</u> \$5,372.03. The Holiday Dinner covered itself except for 100.00 to the Downbeats. <u>Expenses:</u> 1,960.00 to Kitchi Gammi Club; 100.00 to Downbeats; 2,089.82 to Ravin & Associates. <u>Income:</u> 1,960.00 from Holiday Dinner; 250.00 donation from Genesis Attachments; 1,120.00 Club dues paid.</p> <p>NOTE: Club dues are due. Hilltop, Oregon Ck, Coffee Ck, Hart Haven, GGGC, NOS, Lake Aire, Normanna, LSMG, Tischer CK, Hortus, and Park Point clubs have paid their annual dues. All other clubs need to get their rosters and dues in.</p> <p>Ann Fink asked that the books be audited.</p>	<p><i>Send thank you card to Genesis Attachments.</i></p> <p><i>Pay club dues and get in rosters.</i></p> <p><i>Audit Treasurer's books</i></p>	<p>Secretary Lisa Jefferson</p> <p>Club presidents and/or treasurers. Joan Barrett</p>

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<p><u>OLD BUSINESS</u> Holiday Dinner</p>	<p>Attendees reported that they really enjoyed the Holiday Dinner, the music of the Downbeats, and the DGFS Carol skit by the Zenith City Diggers (especially Bob Norstrom as Echinacea Scrooge).</p>		
<p><u>NEW BUSINESS</u> Secretary Position</p>	<p>Lisa Jefferson will be resigning as DGFS Secretary as of the March meeting so a new secretary will be needed. A list of the secretary's duties will be emailed along with the February minutes.</p>	<p><i>Consider taking the position of DGFS Secretary. Email duluthgardenflowersociety@gmail.com if interested.</i></p>	<p>Club Presidents</p>
<p>Spring Gardening Event</p>	<p>Tom Kasper asked if the society would be interested in putting on a just for fun spring garden social event instead of seminars. Discussion led to the ideas of a possible social event at the UMD Greenhouses or at East High School's greenhouse and roof gardens. Some contacts will be made and updates will follow at the March meeting.</p>	<p><i>Contact Deb Shubat at the UMD Greenhouses.</i></p> <p><i>Contact Jennie Madole at the East High School Greenhouse.</i></p>	<p>Kathy Hannan</p> <p>Tom Kasper</p>
<p>8th District Spring Luncheon May 10th</p>	<p>Held at Valentinis in Chisholm. Wildflower expert Susan Kolsted will be the speaker. Flyers will be available at the March meeting.</p>		
<p>Great Gardening Spring show fundraiser March 6 Regular Season begins April 10</p>	<p>The 12th season with Tom Kasper and Bob Olen will begin with the 1 1/2 hour kickoff show March 6 at 7:00 pm. Garden clubs will be needed to answer phones during the regular season.</p>	<p><i>Watch the show, call in questions, and volunteer to answer phones by contacting Tom Kasper.</i></p>	<p>Club Presidents</p>
<p>Beautification Grants</p>	<p>After discussion it was agreed to cap the total for grants at \$1,500. Grant application forms will be available at the March meeting and go up on the website. Grants will be awarded in May.</p>	<p><i>Dale Hurst motioned to accept the \$1,500 cap. Printha Markert seconded. Motion approved.</i></p>	

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<p><u>NEW BUSINESS, cont.</u> 2014 Scholarships</p>	<p>Dale Hurst pointed out that DGFS already approved \$500 to the 8th District Scholarship fund. The scholarship will be awarded at the Spring Luncheon in Chisholm on May 10th.</p>	<p><i>Mail or deposit \$500 to Carol Borich for Scholarship.</i></p>	<p>Ann Fink</p>
<p>Tomato Man</p>	<p>Tom Kasper felt there was not much follow through from the tomato plants given out in June to the Harvest Festivals in September. Joan Barrett pointed out that it was not a good year for tomato plants. Discussion followed as to supporting or donating to edible garden programs now developing in many schools instead of the Tomato Man project. Charlene Shimmin suggested clubs should discuss at their meetings and bring feedback to the March meeting. Tom Kasper said that gardening is changing, many people are interested in edible gardening, and the society may want to consider evolving to include it.</p>	<p><i>Clubs discuss the Tomato Man Project and bring feedback and ideas to the March meeting</i></p>	<p>Club Presidents</p>
<p>19th Annual Plant Sale May 24th</p>	<p>The Plant Sale will be held in the Rose Garden Parking lot as usual. A chairperson is needed.</p>	<p><i>Volunteer as chairperson or a helper</i></p>	<p>Club Presidents</p>
<p>Secret Garden Tour July 19</p>	<p>Tom Kasper already has a garden or two lined up. He suggests having the self-guided tour only. Dale Hurst and Ann Fink want to keep at least one bus. Tom Kasper said it is a lot more work and doesn't bring in any more money than the self-guided tour. Further discussion next month.</p>		
<p>Flower Show August 7 & 8?</p>	<p>No date, location, or chairperson set yet. Charlene Shimmin suggested some kind of incentive or competition between clubs to get more entries. Ann Fink offered free or reduced dues. Charlene offered to help with publicity. Further discussion next month.</p>	<p><i>Contact the Radisson</i></p>	<p>Tom Kasper</p>

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<p>OTHER Gift Card</p>	<p>Ann Fink had a gift card leftover from the Holiday Dinner. She suggested using it as a door prize at the spring event.</p>		
<p>City of Duluth Superior Street Reconstruction</p>	<p>James Gittimeier said the downtown remodeling committee had met recently and feedback showed that people want to add a lot more green plants and trees. The large cement planters will be replaced with lots of inground planters and beds, etc. James suggested this could be an opportunity for DGFS to have input.</p>		
<p>Next Meeting: March 3, 2014 Monday @ 5:15 pm at Grant Community Center at 11th St. & 9th Ave. East</p> <p>Please email website items to: duluthgardenflowersociety@gmail.com by the <i>Friday</i> following the Monday meeting.</p>			