



Bookworms	Gitche Gummee	Lake Superior Master Gardeners	Northern Lights	St. James "Mary" Garden
Carlton County Master Gardeners	Hart Haven	Longview	Northland Orchid Society	Smithville
Chester Creek James Gittemeier	Hortus	Morgan Park	Oregon Creek Julie Mockler*	Tischer Creek Tom Kasper Linda Troolin
Duluth Heights	Lake Aire Ginny Snarski	Mt. Royal Taire Suliin	Park Point Diane Gould	Wild Ones
Emeritus Joan Barrett	Lakeview	Normanna	Proctor Hilltop Kathy Hannan	Zenith City Diggers
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners	Lake Superior Rose Society			

* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of 11/02/15	No corrections noted by those present.	<i>Joan Barrett made the motion to approve the 11/02/15 minutes as presented. Diane Gould seconded. Minutes approved.</i> Post approved minutes on web page.	Julie Mockler
Treasurer's Report	There is \$6,982.59 to report at this time.	<i>James Gittemeier made the motion to accept the Treasury report with Linda Troolin seconding. Treasurer's report accepted.</i>	
OLD BUSINESS	1. <u>Holiday Dinner</u> – 42 attended. Although it was small, it was nice. Every participant received a \$10.00 gift certificate from Black Woods. A staff person was assigned to see to the needs of our group. It was unfortunate more didn't attend since it was so nice. If we would like to book for next year, we need to get a contract in place and pay a		

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<p>OLD BUSINESS, cont.</p>	<p>\$300.00 deposit. Also discussed the possibility of looking into Ridgeview Country Club. After more discussion it was decided to use Greysolon Plaza for the Christmas party and look into Ridgeview as the spot for the Spring Luncheon.</p>		
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Treasurer position needs to be filled</u> – Still in need of a treasurer as dues and rosters will be coming in. Thought a description of the job duties was posted on the web site. 2. <u>2016 Dues & Rosters</u> – Already received these from Normanna. Deadline for 2016 dues and rosters to be turned in would be by the April meeting or April 4, 2016. Discussed the DGFS was formed in 1928. 3. <u>Grants</u> – Discussion ensued around whether or not we should continue to give out grants to clubs. We have given out grants up to \$400.00 per club with a cap of \$1,500.00 total allocation. 4. <u>Great Gardening Season 15</u> – Programs start on March 30th with a live show at the Home Show. Encourage any members who plan on attending the Home Show to sit in on this show. Volunteers needs to answer phones on May 5, 12, 19, and 26. The Great Gardening bus tour will be offering a garden generally is not open to anyone. 5. <u>Spring Luncheon</u> – Scheduled for May 7th 2016 with Francois Medion, lead gardener from the Duluth Grill , as guest speaker. Topic yet to be determined. As per previous discussion, it was decided to look into Ridgeview Country Club as the location. The 8th District is sponsoring their own Spring Luncheon in Ely. They will also be holding a fall event in Grand Rapids. This will be better for us since we will not have to sit through the 8th District 	<p>Encourage members to volunteer to be Duluth Garden Flower Society Treasurer.</p> <p>Send in Club dues and rosters on or before April 2, 2016.</p> <p><i>Joan Barrett made the motion that we continue with a \$1,500.00 cap on total allocation and a \$300.00 cap per club. Diane Gould seconded. Motion passed.</i></p> <p>Answer phones on Great Gardening show: May 5 May 12 May 19 May 26</p> <p>Contact Ridgeview Country Club for possibility of this being the event venue</p>	<p>Club Treasurers</p> <p>Proctor Hilltop Park Point Tischer Creek? Mt. Royal</p> <p>Linda Troolin</p>

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<p>NEW BUSINESS, cont.</p>	<p>business meeting. Country Store could open at 10:00 a.m. with everything being over by 2:00 p.m. Need a club to coordinate. Hope to have between 70 to 100 in attendance.</p> <p>6. <u>Plant Sale</u> – Scheduled for May 28th. With the way the calendar is this year, this is also Memorial Day weekend. Need a coordinator. Suggested that we use a bull horn instead of a whistle as the whistle can't be heard everywhere.</p> <p>7. <u>Secret Garden Tour</u> – This year the tour will take place on a different day of the week. We chose Thursday, July 21 to see if we could get more to attend. More discussion in the future.</p> <p>8. <u>Scholarship</u> – We will continue to sponsor a \$500.00 scholarship to be given at the 8th District level; however, new this year will be that Duluth Garden Flower Society will be recognized for this donation.</p> <p>A scholarship selection committee is being set up during February with a meeting on February 13th in Virginia, Minnesota, at 10:00 a.m. Location of this meeting is unsure. 8th District would like several representatives from Duluth, if possible.</p> <p>9. <u>New Event</u> – Since there are so many other items on the agenda, this is tabled until March.</p>	<p>Plan and coordinate Spring Luncheon</p> <p>Plan and coordinate Plant Sale</p> <p>Borrow bull horn and safety vests for use at Plant Sale</p> <p>Attend 8th District scholarship meeting in Virginia on February 13th</p>	<p>Mt. Royal & Tischer Creek</p> <p>James Gittemeier</p> <p>Taire Suliin</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p>
<p>OTHER</p>	<p>1. <u>Fairlawn Garden Talks</u> – Copy of brochure was emailed to representatives from each club; however copy that was sent was very small so it is hoped that everyone can read them.</p> <p>2. <u>Tomato Man Project</u> – Discussion revolved around</p>		

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<p>OTHER, cont.</p>	<p>whether or not we want to become re-involved. Some clubs are still participating at a school. We haven't been involved in the last couple of years as much. Each school handles the project differently. Participation and support from the schools hasn't been there. More discussion to follow in March.</p> <p>3. <u>Lakeshore</u> – Clayton Oslund is no longer gardening there so that garden will probably dissolve.</p> <p>4. <u>Brochure</u> – Discussion took place late last year regarding producing a brochure for Duluth Garden Flower Society to help promote us and to try to encourage new membership. Do we still want to do that?</p> <p>5. <u>Heritage Garden update</u> – Trees have come down in the area in December. The preliminary design is going through the City process. Plans have been set for the hard scape. City is hesitant to turn this into a high maintenance garden. Question was raised regarding whether or not there would be parking for people to stop there.</p>	<p>Look into having help with brochure design and production.</p> <p>Continue to bring updates back to Duluth Garden Flower Society regarding the Heritage Garden.</p>	<p>Taire Sullin</p> <p>James Gittemeier</p>
<p>Next meeting: Monday, March 7, 2016 @ 5:15 p.m. @ Lafayette Rec. Center (3026 Minnesota Ave.)</p> <p>Please email website items to: duluthgardenflowersociety@gmail.com by the <i>Friday</i> following the Monday meeting.</p>			

