



Bookworms James Gittemeier	Gitche Gumees	Lake Superior Rose Society	Normanna	Smithville Mae Anderson*
Chester Creek	Hart Haven	Lake Superior Master Gardeners Jan LeBard	Northland Orchid Society	Tischer Creek Linda Troolin
Duluth Heights	Hortus	Longview	Oregon Creek Julie Mockler*	Wild Ones
Emeritus Joan Barrett Printha Markert* Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners	Lake Aire Lakeview	Morgan Park Mt. Royal Taire Suliin	Park Point Diane Gould Liz Mackay Proctor Hilltop Kathy Hannan	Zenith City Diggers Therese Presley

* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of 11/07/16	No corrections or additions noted by those present.	<i>Joan Barrett made the motion to accept the 11/07/16 minutes as presented. Seconded by Jan LeBard. Minutes approved.</i> Post approved minutes on web page.	Julie Mockler
NEW BUSINESS	1. <u>Election of Officers - President & Treasurer</u> – Volunteers were requested to step in to fill these positions. Much discussion took place on whether or not we want to continue as a viable group. Do we have it in us to keep the organization going strong? Suggestion was made that there be co-presidents. It comes down to there needing to be a lead person. It was decided that co-presidents was better than no president. There was discussion on disbanding and how that would affect the community. Our list included:		

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<p>NEW BUSINESS, cont.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more care of community gardens (revert back to City) • Spring Luncheon • Holiday Dinner • Flower Show (hasn't been viable for a while) • Plant Sale • PBS phone bank for Great Gardening Show • 8th District scholarship sponsorship (\$500.00) • Secret Garden Tour • Harvest Festivals (also not particularly viable) <p>We have too many things going on. Perhaps cutting back on activities would be an alternative to keep the organization alive. Discussed having only quarterly meetings in order to get more participation but it was pointed out that things just generally fall apart then because people tend not to mark their calendars with the meetings dates.</p> <p>Suggestion was made to ask Nellie Scheffler from Zenith City Diggers to be a co-president. Taire Suliin volunteered to be the other co-president if Nellie agrees.</p> <p>Other volunteers included: Joan Barrett – Treasurer James Gittemeier and Taire Suliin – Plant sale</p> <p>In discussion about the plant sale, it was determined that in order to participate in this, and club must be active in the Society (paid up dues and roster turned in). It was also suggest that the club needs to be active by attending the majority of Duluth Garden Flower Society meetings and volunteering to take on some tasks.</p> <p>Dates for events in upcoming year (2017): Plant Sale – May 27</p>	<p>Contact Nellie Scheffler to see if she would be willing to be a co-president.</p>	<p>Therese Presley</p>

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NEW BUSINESS, cont.	<p>Secret Garden Tour – July (Women’s Club tour is July 19 so date needs to be set different from that) Discussed that it would be best to go back to a Saturday as many working people couldn’t attend on a week day.</p>		
OLD BUSINESS	<p>1. <u>Spring Luncheon</u> – Proctor Hilltop has agreed to host. Handouts were distributed that are being fine tuned to submit to the SEEDS publication of the 8th District as well. They had selected Sunday, April 30, 2017 at Black Woods Restaurant in Proctor of the event. Bob Olen is the dedicated speaker and the 8th District Spring meeting would be included. As discussion progressed, it was discovered that there was a snafu. The Duluth Garden Flower Society voted at the 05/02/2016 meeting to secure Ridgeview Country Club for May, 2017 for the Spring Luncheon as it had been hard to get a venue in place when planning started in February. It was noted in the 06/06/2016 minutes that the Ridgeview had been secured for 2017. The deposit amount was \$300.00. Although the date was stated as May 6, the venue is actually secured for May 13 (Mother’s Day weekend).</p> <p>Proctor Hilltop requested help with obtaining raffle prizes. The packet of materials that were used for organizing the event last year was handed over to a rep from Hilltop. In it, there is a letter that was sent to various vendors with a request for a door prize, addresses and who donated. It was stated that if this is done too early, many of those businesses are not set up yet. Discussed getting help in other areas such as the Country Store. Don Kienholz will be asked to help as he has expressed interested in the past.</p>	<p>Ask Don Kienholz if he would be interested in helping out with the Country Store</p>	<p>Linda Troolin</p>

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<p>OTHER</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>85th Southwest St. Louis County Fair</u> – Hand outs were given out encouraging Duluth Garden Flower Society members to exhibit at this event since we no longer do a Flower Show. This fair is in Floodwood, Minnesota. Fair dates are August 25, 26, and 27. Entry day is August 24 from Noon to 8:30 p.m. A registration form is included on the last page of the booklet. More will be available at the March meeting. 2. <u>Reimbursement</u> – Secretary Julie Mockler requested that she be allowed to write a check to herself for reimbursement of postage that she spent on sending out 2016 Directories and pamphlets to clubs that had not come for most or all of the year. 3. <u>City contact</u> – City of Duluth has requested a more formal process be put in place for requests from garden clubs. Cheryl Skafke, Volunteer Coordinator, will be handling these requests. For now, you may also send your requests through James Gittemeier and he will forward. City would like to know how many garden clubs would like annuals and what type. Our questions to the City are a) when are the annuals going to be delivered and b) how do we get them? 	<p>Ensure that more booklets with entry forms are available at the March Duluth Garden Flower Society meeting</p> <p><i>Diane Gould made the motion that Julie Mockler be allowed to reimburse herself for the postage she utilized while mailing out directories and pamphlets. ? seconded. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Send requests for annuals and materials to James Gittemeier or Cheryl Skafke for garden plots</p>	<p>Roger Hill</p> <p>DGFS garden clubs</p>
<p>Next meeting: Monday, March 6, 2017 @ 5:15 p.m. @ Lafayette Rec. Center (3026 Minnesota Ave.)</p> <p>Please email website items to: duluthgardenflowersociety@gmail.com by the <i>Tuesday or Wednesday</i> following the Monday meeting.</p>			