



Bookworms Judy Goar	Gitche Gumees	Lake Superior Rose Society Carol Borich	Normanna	Smithville
Chester Creek James Gittemeier	Hart Haven	Lake Superior Master Gardeners	Northland Orchid Society	Tischer Creek
Duluth Heights	Hortus	Longview Anita Stech	Oregon Creek Betty Johnson Julie Mockler*	Wild Ones
Emeritus Joan Barrett	Lake Aire	Morgan Park	Park Point Liz Mackay	Zenith City Diggers Cindy Spillers
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners	Lakeview	Mt. Royal Taire Suliin	Proctor Hilltop Kathy Hannan Roger Hill	* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of 02/06/17	No corrections or additions were noted by those present.	<i>Joan Barrett made the motion with Kathy Hannan seconding to accept the 02/06/17 minutes as presented. Minutes approved.</i> Post approved minutes on web page.	Julie Mockler
Treasurer's Report	Joan Barrett is now a signer with the bank on the checking account. The credit and debit cards have been destroyed so there is only a checking account. One outstanding check was noted for \$10.79. The 8 th District was given the scholarship check for \$500.00. Current balance is \$4,513.06.		
OLD BUSINESS	1. <u>President position</u> – Even though Nellie Scheffler was not present, it was noted by one of her club members that she is willing to be co-president, along with Taire Suliin. Nellie may not be able to attend many meetings because of other commitments.	<i>Joan Barrett made the motion that Taire Suliin and Nellie Scheffler be co-presidents of the Duluth Garden Flower Society. James Gittemeier seconded. Motion passed.</i>	

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<p>OLD BUSINESS, cont.</p>	<p>Ideas tossed about on having larger events when a garden club has a really good speaker. Co-president needs to be a co-signer on the checking account. Discussed that current by-laws may not reflect who we are now and that this should be discussed in the near future.</p> <p>2. <u>Spring Luncheon</u> – Is set for Sunday, April 30. To accommodate those in the Duluth group who are not interested in the 8th District meeting, that has been pushed to the end. The 8th District Scholarships will be awarded after lunch. Door prizes will be drawn at various times. Need to be present when number is called to get one of these. Tickets may be purchased for Raffle items. Hilltop’s treasurer will be taking care of the registrations while Normanna’s treasurer will be handling the Country Store.</p> <p>Discussed ways to market the event and if there were marketing funds available. Suggestion had been made that a special invitation should be sent to each club to help generate a good turn out. Members present at this meeting stated that because they are being emailed info on the event and because it is on the web page that it was unnecessary to send special invitations to the Duluth groups. It was decided that all groups outside of Duluth would be sent invitations. An announcement is to be made on the “Great Gardening” show regarding the luncheon. Suggestion was that it be submitted to Access T.V. Cost to attend is \$22.00 per person.</p> <p>Because of the snafu of booking two places for the Spring Luncheon and because Ridgeview was very gracious about saying we could have a full refund, it was decided that we would let Ridgeview keep the deposit money and we would hold the Spring Luncheon there in 2018. Date</p>	<p>Meet with Julie Mockler or Joan Barrett at U.S. Bank with copy of minutes to become signer on the DGFS checking account</p> <p>Meet to work on by-law updates</p> <p>Note that the combined 8th District / Duluth Garden Flower Society spring Luncheon is on SUNDAY, April 30.</p> <p>Send in registration and check by April 20 for Spring Luncheon</p>	<p>Taire Suliin</p> <p>Taire Suliin, James Gittemeier, Julie Mockler</p> <p>All DGFS members</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p>

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<p>OLD BUSINESS, cont.</p>	<p>needs to be decided and reserved.</p> <p>3. <u>Plant Sale</u> – Rose Garden parking lot has been reserved for May 27. It was determined that the 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. reservation was good. Need to secure use of some orange cones and barricades. Should be able to get from the City.</p> <p>There was discussion that participating clubs need to have their dues paid up and their rosters sent in as a determining point on whether or not they can sell or not. This may need to be addressed in the Bylaws and would require a Bylaw change.</p> <p>There was discussion on how we could market this better. Bring ideas to the next meeting.</p> <p>4. <u>8th District Scholarship</u> – Agenda stated that a check needed to be sent in. A representative from the 8th District was present and a check was given to her. There have been 19 applications turned in for the 8th District Scholarships. Five applications were from Duluth. There are more scholarships this year as there were more donors. Martha Ritter from Duluth has agreed to serve on the Scholarship Committee that selects the winners.</p> <p>5. <u>Secret Garden Tour</u> – The people slated to be on the Secret Garden Tour last year (except one whom we do not have a phone number for) were queried on whether or not they would consider being on a tour this year. There were three that definitely would be, one garden is 50/50, one suggested another garden other than their own, and a no response. Of the yeses, one said that this would be contingent upon having a volunteer there to keep the</p>	<p>Decide date for 2018 Spring Luncheon and reserve with Ridgeview</p> <p>Contact Cheryl Skafke with the City of Duluth to see if we can get orange safety cones and a couple of barricades for the plant sale.</p> <p>Contact James Gittemeier if interested in participating in the Plant Sale</p> <p>Borrow bull horn or whistle, time clock and a couple of safety vests for use at Plant Sale</p>	<p>DGFS membership</p> <p>Julie Mockler</p> <p>Any DGFS Club</p> <p>Taire Suliin</p>

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<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>2017 Dues and Rosters</u> – Dues and rosters should be sent in now for all clubs. Four clubs have paid so far: Bookworms, Emeritus, Lake Superior Master Gardeners, and Normanna. Needed from remaining clubs. This is especially important to get in if the club wants to participate in the Plant Sale as dues and rosters need to be turned in to be eligible to sell. Discussion took place about how some clubs don’t meet until late spring and this may not be possible. It was brought up that in the past, because it was driven by the Minnesota State Horticultural Society and club members wanting to receive their magazine, that dues were paid in October for the falling year because dues to the MSHS were due in by November 1 for the magazine. If that were to happen again with every club, most of the problem would be solved. 2. <u>Great Gardening</u> – The show will be starting again shortly. The question before the group was if we were going to do again this year. It was determined that we are. Need to contact the television station to see when and if we are needed. 3. <u>Grant Opportunities</u> – Question was asked if there would be grants issued in 2017. Answer is that yes there will be. 	<p>Send in dues and rosters to DGFS new Treasurer (Joan Barrett 118 Coffee Creek Blvd., #107 Duluth, MN 55811 Phone: 218-720-3369)</p> <p>Contact Pamela Fish at WDSE/WIRT to see if and when volunteers would be need to take care of the phone bank</p>	<p>All DGFS clubs</p> <p>James Gittlemeier</p>

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<p>NEW BUSINESS, cont.</p>	<p>Nomination forms will be posted on the web site as well as sent along with these minutes because discussion needs to take place next month at our regular monthly and grants distributed. Applications should be sent to new Co-President Taire Suliin. Deadline date: Received by March 24.</p> <p>4. <u>8th District Awards</u> – Nomination forms came out in the latest edition of SEEDS for the Beautification Award and Community Service Awards. Nominations are due by August 1 and September 1 respectfully. Forms will be posted on the web page for clubs to access.</p> <p>5. <u>2017 Meeting Dates</u> – A list has been drawn up of all the DGFS meeting dates for 2017. There was a question on whether we wanted to hold our July meeting on the 3rd or push it back a week because of Independence Day being the next day and many people wanting a long holiday. We still need to meet as our big event (Secret Garden Tour) is scheduled for July.</p>	<p>Send in grant applications to: Taire Suliin 1821 Eileen Ave. Duluth, MN 55803</p> <p>Bring applications to April meeting for discussion</p> <p>Post nomination forms for the 8th District Beautification and Community Service Awards on the DGFS web page</p>	<p>Any interested DGFS club</p> <p>Taire Suliin</p> <p>Julie Mockler</p>
<p>OTHER</p>	<p>None</p>		
<p>Next meeting: Monday, April 3, 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>			

