



Bookworms Pam Ellison	Gitche Gumee Ann Fink	Lake Superior Rose Society Margaret J. Anderson*	Normanna	Smithville Tom Black
Chester Creek	Hart Haven	Lake Superior Master Gardeners Jan LeBard	Northland Orchid Society	Tischer Creek Linda Troolin
Duluth Heights	Hortus Mae Anderson*	Longview Dave Steininger	Oregon Creek Trish Lilliberg Julie Mockler*	Wild Ones
Emeritus Joan Barrett Printha Markert*	Lake Aire Kathy Huncz	Morgan Park Amy Johnson	Park Point Stephanie Brostrom Diane Gould	Zenith City Diggers Nellie Scheffler
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners	Lakeview	Mt. Royal Joan Scinocca Taire Suliin	Proctor Hilltop Roger Hill	* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of 03/06/17	No corrections or additions noted by those present.	<i>Ann Fink made the motion with Linda Troolin seconding to approve the 03/06/17 minutes as presented. Motion carried.</i> Post approved minutes on web page.	Julie Mockler
Treasurer's Report	Received dues from several clubs. Paid printing costs for minutes and agendas and made a reimbursement for supplies. Balance as of 03/31/17 is \$4,786.89. Have a web maintenance bill to pay and have taken in dues from several clubs at this meeting.	<i>Amy Johnson made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Diane Gould seconded. Motion carried.</i>	
OLD BUSINESS	1. <u>Spring Luncheon</u> – Clubs reminded that Spring Luncheon is set for Sunday (not Saturday), April 30 at Blackwoods in Proctor. 24 have pre-registered so far. Copies of the program were passed around. Opens at 11:00 a.m. with lunch starting precisely at 12:00 noon. Guest Speaker is Bob Olen. More participation from clubs requested.	Send in registration form by April 20 for Spring Luncheon	Any interested DGFS member

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<p>OLD BUSINESS, cont.</p>	<p>Clubs reminded to bring items for the Country Store. Please pre-price. Proceeds are divided between the 8th District and the club sponsoring the luncheon. Raffle prizes are being solicited. Each club should have an item for a door prize as well. <i>Registration deadline is April 20.</i> A link to the registration form may be found on the website at www.dgfs.org or in the latest edition of SEEDS.</p> <p>2. <u>Annual Plant Sale</u> – Is scheduled for 05/27/17 in the Rose Garden parking lot - 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Unfortunately, Vice President James Gittemeier will be out of town and he was coordinating this event. Volunteer requested to step in to take his place.</p> <p>City has requested that all clubs run their requested through the President / Vice President and they will submit to the City.</p> <p>3. <u>Secret Garden Tour</u> – Date selected is Saturday, July 29. This is our big money maker for the year and where the money comes from for the scholarships and grants that are given out. Seven (7) gardens were slated for last years' tour. All but one of the participants have been contacted and have agreed to participate this year. A registration form has been developed as well as a list of all the tasks needing to be done in order to pull of the event. Volunteers were requested to help out. There is too much for one person to take care of. Need volunteers to host in gardens, pick up and deliver supplies, and host on buses. Discussed where rocks for garden plaques were obtained and where plaques were done as well as where coffee pots and containers for water and lemonade were obtained. More to follow at the next meetings.</p>	<p>Bring pre-priced items for the Country store as well as a door prize item (wrapped?)</p> <p>Ask James for list of clubs that have already said they would participate in plant sale</p> <p>Submit garden club needs from the City (plants, supplies, etc.) to Taire Suliin or James Gittemeier</p> <p>Submit list of garden club needs to City through Cheryl Skafke</p> <p>Volunteer to work in a garden</p> <p>Volunteer to take care of a bus</p> <p>Continue to work on registration forms and tickets</p> <p>Other volunteers - duties to be defined</p> <p>Contact previous suppliers for plaques</p>	<p>All DGFS attendees</p> <p>Julie Mockler</p> <p>All DGFS garden clubs</p> <p>Taire Suliin / James Gittemeier</p> <p>Roger Hill</p> <p>Mae Anderson Jan LeBard</p> <p>Julie Mockler</p> <p>Diane Gould Ann Fink Margaret Anderson</p> <p>Ann Fink</p>

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<p>OLD BUSINESS, cont.</p>	<p>4. <u>2017 Dues and Rosters</u> – These are now due. Only those clubs with paid up dues are eligible to sell at the plant sale so it is imperative to get these in as well as rosters so the 2017 membership directory can be completed. Please indicate who the current officers are. Send to:</p> <p>Joan Barrett, Treasurer Duluth Garden Flower Society 118 Coffee Creek Blvd., #107 Duluth, MN 55811</p> <p>Rosters may be electronically sent to Joan at jonjoanbar@msn.com.</p> <p>5. <u>Great Gardening t.v. show - Dates we need to cover phones</u> – We have the following dates to cover May 4, 11, 18 and 25. Volunteers were requested to cover the phones on those evenings. Will take approximately one hour.</p> <p>6. <u>Grant proposals and awards</u> – Upon investigation, it was determined that this body voted in February, 2016 to cap the total amount award to \$1,500.00 with \$400.00 as the most a club could received.</p> <p>a. <u>Lake Aire</u> – Requested \$200.00 They are going to be amending the soil at both of their garden plots as it needs it for the plants to continue to thrive as well as adding mulch.</p> <p>b. <u>Bookworms</u> – Grant request was for \$550.00. Their garden has been vandalized three or four times. They will be planting barberry bushes on the edge of the tiered garden to help prevent the vandalism as well as adding compost and replenishing pea gravel to the</p>	<p>Send dues and rosters to Joan Barrett</p> <p>Cover phones for Great Gardening t.v. show May 4 May 11 May 18 May 25</p>	<p>DGFS clubs that have not done so yet</p> <p>DGFS officers Park Point Lake Superior Master Gardeners Mt. Royal & Lake Aire</p>

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<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>1. <u>Bylaws</u> – Request was made that the Bylaws be reviewed and suggestions for changes be brought to the next meeting. (Note: May be viewed in the 2016 Membership Directory)</p> <p>2. <u>Rose Show / Rose Fest</u> – To be held this year on July 15. Rose Show is at Valentini's. Participants do not need to be a member of the Rose Society in order to show plants. Just need to know the variety of the rose. Rose Fest is held at the Rose Garden. A link to this information will be posted on our website. Rose Show free and open to public from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with Rose Fest free and open to the public from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Review Bylaws bringing any suggested changes to the May meeting</p> <p>Ensure that Rose Show / rose Fest flyer is available on the website</p>	<p>All DGFS Clubs</p> <p>Julie Mockler</p>

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<p>OTHER</p>	<p>1. <u>Monarch Festival</u> – To be held 05/20/17 from 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. at the Coppertop Church. Admission is \$5.00. Discussion has took place last year that we may want to have a table there.</p>		
<p>Next meeting: Monday, May1, 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>			

