



Bookworms	Gitche Gummee	Lake Superior Rose Society	Northern Lights	Smithville Tom Black
Chester Creek James Gittemeier	Hart Haven	Lake Superior Master Gardeners Jan LeBard	Northland Orchid Society	Tischer Creek Linda Troolin
Duluth Heights	Hortus Charlene Shimmin	Longview	Oregon Creek Julie Mockler*	Wild Ones
Emeritus Joan Barrett Printha Markert*	Lake Aire Ginny Snarski	Morgan Park Amy Johnson	Park Point Diane Gould	Zenith City Diggers
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners	Lakeview	Mt. Royal Taire Suliin	Proctor Hilltop Kathy Hannan	* Indicates affiliation with more than one club
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<b>Review minutes of 03/07/2016</b>	No corrections or additions noted by those present.	<i>Joan Barrett made the motion with Diane Gould seconding to accept the 03/07/16 minutes as presented. Motion passed.</i>  Post approved minutes on web page.	Julie Mockler
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Balance as of today is \$7,269.80. Does not include the cashing of the check just sent to the 8 <sup>th</sup> District.  We are still in need of a Treasurer. Request made for all presidents to mention at their meetings.	Ask members of respective clubs for someone to step forward to take the vacant Treasurer's position.	DGFS Club Presidents
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	None		

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<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>1. <u>Spring Luncheon</u> – Planning group met on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Set up on Luncheon day will start at 8:00 a.m. Have plenty of help for this. Haven't connected with WLSSD for seed packets and are wondering if we will be getting seeds from them.</p> <p>Cup cakes are being purchased and brought in for dessert. The cost of raffle tickets will be about the same as last year. Discussed that the monies taken in at the Country Store is split evenly between the sponsoring club and DGFS. It was noted that non-gardening items seem to sell better than gardening ones. These should be brought early enough for set up and if not, contact Linda Troolin in order for these items to be included. Joan Scinocca is preparing programs that will reflect donors of prizes. The letters to businesses will be sent out tomorrow.</p> <p>Concern was expressed that we pick a place for next year's luncheon now as we had limited places to choose from this year due to most being booked up. More discussion to follow in these minutes under Other.</p> <p>2. <u>2016 dues and rosters are due</u> – Clubs are requested to send to Julie Mockler. Rosters should indicate current officers. This should be done as soon as possible in order for the club to be included in the 2016 directory.</p> <p>Dues and rosters that are still needed are:  Duluth Heights  Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners  Gitche Gummee  Hart Haven  Lake Superior Rose Society  Longview  Northern Lights  Northland Orchid Society</p>	<p>Contact Susie Darley-Hill to see about seed donation from WLSSD</p> <p>Bring donations for the Country Store</p> <p>Send dues and rosters to Julie Mockler as soon as possible</p>	<p>James Gittemeier</p> <p>All DGFS clubs</p> <p>DGFS Treasurers</p>

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<p><b>NEW BUSINESS, cont.</b></p>	<p>event. Guest speaker will be Dr. Karen Oberhauser. There was discussion on whether or not we would like to partner in this venture. Reply was that It all depends on what that would entail. The flyer for this is on Facebook otherwise, it will be copied and sent to the secretary for dissemination.</p> <p>7. <u>Plant Sale</u> – Scheduled for May 28. We have already received calls and emails on this event. Hortus requested that it be on a different weekend other than Memorial weekend. Peony Society also would like it to be later. (The Peony Society is not a member of DGFS although it would wonderful if they joined.) It was pointed out that we have already had extensive discussion on this previously and that in order to keep the loyal customer base we already have, it was decided that the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in May be the official date. James Gittemeier is coordinating this year so clubs need to contact him if they are interested in reserving a space as space is limited. Question was raised whether or not we have a banner that could be put up to show that our sponsorship of the event. Also discussed was that the plants for sale need to be cutting edge in order to get good sales. Common divisions of plants are welcome but clubs may need to give them away with other purchases. The common plants are generally only wanted by those just starting to garden. Suggestion was made that a deadline date to sign up be established for planning purposes.</p> <p>Extensive discussion took place at this meeting on who would be allowed to sell at this sale. Outside groups have been allowed to participate in the past. Park Point Edible Gardens has expressed an interest in becoming involved. After much thought, it was determined that for participation in the plant sale that there be club affiliation in good standing (meaning that dues have been paid)</p>	<p>Send out flyer to membership</p> <p>Contact James Gittemeier if interested in reserving a space for the Plant Sale as soon as possible</p>	<p>Julie Mockler</p> <p>Any interested DGFS club</p>

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<p><b>OTHER</b></p>	<p>1. <u>Rose Festival</u> – Date has been changed to July 16, 2016.</p> <p>2. <u>Publicity Flyer</u> – Discussed whether we should produce one to give out at the plant sale and other events. If so, a committee is needed. A tri-fold brochure might work best. Taire Suliin has volunteered to coordinate. Amy Johnson will also work on this as well. Flyer needs to be done by the end of May. Two meetings need to be scheduled in order to get something put together.</p> <p>3. <u>Burchfiels Greenhouse / Rosie's</u> – Tom Kasper and son are in the final negotiations for purchasing this greenhouse located at 5796 Cant Road. They plan on opening this year. They are offering a 10% discount to any member of the Duluth Garden Flower Society. The Burchfiels name will be used this year but in the future</p>	<p>Contact Taire Suliin at 218-724-7406 if interested in working on the DGFS publicity flyer</p>	<p>Any interested DGFS member</p>

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<p>Next meeting:  <b>Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 @ 5:15 p.m. @ Lafayette Rec. Center (3026 Minnesota Ave.)</b></p> <p><b>Please email website items to:</b>  duluthgardenflowersociety@gmail.com by the <i>Tuesday or Wednesday</i> following the Monday meeting.</p>			