



Bookworms Pam Ellison	Gitche Gumee	Lake Superior Rose Society Carol Borich	Normanna	Smithville
Chester Creek James Gittemeier	Hart Haven	Lake Superior Master Gardeners	Northland Orchid Society	Tischer Creek Linda Troolin
Duluth Heights	Hortus	Longview	Oregon Creek Julie Mockler*	Wild Ones Nancy Deever Nan Greshowak Bonnie Tucker
Emeritus Joan Barrett Printha Markert	Lake Aire	Morgan Park Julie Burns Amy Johnson	Park Point Diane Gould Liz Mackay	Zenith City Diggers Nellie Scheffler Cindy Spillers
	Lakeview	Mt. Royal Taire Suliin	Proctor Hilltop Roger Hill	

\* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
<b>Review minutes of 05/01/17</b>	No corrections or additions noted.	<i>Amy Johnson made the motion with Linda Troolin seconding to accept the 05/01/17 minutes as presented. Minutes approved.</i>  Post approved minutes on web page.	Julie Mockler
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Dues were received from Northland Orchid Society, Chester Creek, Lakeview, and Wild ones totaling \$170.00. There were two disbursements to Paper Hog - one for minutes and agenda printing and the other for Secret Garden Tour printing totaling \$103.86. Checking balance is \$3,473.61.	<i>James Gittemeier made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Amy Johnson seconded. Motion carried.</i>	
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	1. <u>Spring Luncheon</u> – Financial report was presented. Registrations and donation, country Store, and Raffle brought total income to \$2,690.50. Expenses included deposit to Black Woods, Black Woods buffet, reimbursement to Roger Hill for tickets, paper, printing and cheese cake, pay out from Country Store to MSHS 8 <sup>th</sup> District, Proctor Hilltop and Normanna, Seeds news letter		

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<p><b>OLD BUSINESS, cont.</b></p>	<p>Raffle tickets, and 50 percent split to Normanna and Proctor Hilltop for raffle equaled \$2,284.95. Total income was \$405.55. Proctor Hilltop may cover the cost for the table decorations, which hasn't been determined yet. The \$400.00 may be given as scholarship money to the MSHS 8<sup>th</sup> District if Normanna and Proctor Hilltop agree on this. Tickets purchased for the raffles were not all used so were turned in to be used by Duluth Garden Flower Society at any upcoming event. 771 raffle tickets were purchased. Total attendees was 85 (registered). Discussed putting a sample of the luncheon booklet in the Spring Luncheon instructions folder.</p> <p>2. <u>Annual Plant Sale</u> – Upon arrival this year there were between 15 and 20 cars in the parking lot. Left message for Cheryl Skafke, City Volunteer Coordinator, but did not get a return call until later that morning. Although she apologized, it didn't help at the time. Had to work around the parked cars. Smithville and Wild Ones had the most difficulty with their spots. An email was sent to the Mayor, who forwarded it to the Acting Parking Director. Response from Kathy Bergen did not give us any solutions that were to our liking. The City did not follow through as promised.</p> <p>Although we had the bull horn, time clock, clock was difficult to use. Ended up using our own air horn to start the sale as the bull horn didn't generate enough volume. Don't think we need to borrow next year. There was discussion on when to start the half price sale. It was decided that 9:30 a.m. was a good time to allow many of the plants to be sold at regular price since it gives clubs maximum profit and there is quite a bit of effort that goes in to digging up, dividing, and preparing the plants for sale.</p> <p>3. <u>Secret Garden Tour</u> – Registration forms were dropped off</p>	<p>Meet and make up a check list for instituting the plant sale.</p> <p>Bring orange vests (2) to next years annual plant sale.</p>	<p>Amy Johnson Taire Suliin</p> <p>Carol Borich</p>

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<p><b>OLD BUSINESS, cont.</b></p>	<p>at Bar Codes in Superior this morning for mailing. There are approximately 575 on the mailing list.</p> <p>Photos of either a rock or a stepping stone that have been given out to the participating gardens were shown and a vote was taken on which was preferred this year. The rock was the choice selected. As for engraving, the individual queried thought his prices would be too high. Glenwood Trophy has been used in the past.</p> <p>Volunteers requested for any number of tasks. Clubs should ask members if they would be willing to volunteer to help. Tasks include - need one more volunteer to take care of a bus. Need two hosts per garden. Hosts set up and maintain refreshments throughout the tour time at each garden and helping answer questions from attendees. Need refreshments picked up and dropped off at gardens. Need coffee pots and refreshment containers picked up and dropped off at gardens and then retrieved when tour is finished. Rocks for each garden need to be picked up at Mac's Landscaping and dropped off at Glenwood Trophy. Bus lunch site needs to be secured. McDonald's suggested as a place to secure refreshment containers and drink mix. Deposit is about \$20.00 which is given back upon return of container.</p> <p>After some discussion regarding lunches (needed for each garden - garden owners &amp; volunteers as well as for all on the bus), it was decided that box lunches should be provided for the bus drivers as well.</p> <p>It is important that we get enough volunteers as this is our big fund raising event for the year. Money made is used for awarding grants and scholarships as well as other costs for events throughout the year. Have people willing to volunteer contact Julie Mockler at (218) 525-7562.</p>	<p>Check with Glenwood Trophy on engraving costs for garden rocks.</p> <p>Pick up garden rocks for engraving and drop off at Glenwood Trophy</p> <p>Bus host/hostesses</p> <p>Garden hosts/hostesses</p> <p>Consider volunteering to host a garden</p> <p>Pick up and drop off cookies and refreshment containers evening before event</p> <p>Secure bus lunch site</p> <p>Prepare maps for tour brochures</p> <p>Pick box lunch venue and secure</p>	<p>Taire Suliin</p> <p>Julie Calligure</p> <p>Mae Anderson Jan LeBard Therese Presley Diane Gould</p> <p>Roger Hill Cindy Spiller Joan Scinocca Taire Suliin Julie Calligure Elisa Troiani Nan Greshowak</p> <p>Any DGFS member</p> <p>Nellie Scheffler</p> <p>James Gittermeier</p> <p>James Gittermeier</p> <p>Taire Suliin Julie Mockler</p>

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<p><b>OLD BUSINESS, cont.</b></p>	<p>4. <u>2017 dues and rosters</u> – Most dues and rosters are in. Nothing from Hart Haven or Northern Lights. Joann Marinac is contact for Hart Haven. May have to do some more research on Northern Lights</p> <p>5. <u>8<sup>th</sup> District Awards</u> – Just a reminder that nomination forms are on our web site for these. Beautification Award nominations due by August 1. Community Service Awards due by September 1. Nominees do not need to be members of a garden club in order to be nominated.</p> <p>6. <u>Rose Show / Rose Fest</u> – July 15 at Valentini’s and the Rose Garden. Flyers passed out again. Do not need to be a member of the Rose Society or a garden club in order to enter.</p> <p>7. <u>Monarch Festival recap</u> – Was held on May 20. Milkweed plants were sold out. Was put on by Monarch Buddies and held at the Coppertop Church. Much information given out. Many family friendly activities occurred.</p> <p>8. <u>8<sup>th</sup> District Representative needed</u> – Because decision are made regarding grants Duluth Garden flower Society has donated, the 8<sup>th</sup> District MSHS (Minnesota State Horticultural Society) would like a Duluth representative to help in the decision making process. Suggestion was made that a description of the responsibilities of the 8<sup>th</sup> District Representative be done up so people would feel more at ease volunteering. This would make it easier for both groups to work in a more coordinated way.</p>	<p>Make nominations for the 8<sup>th</sup> District Beautification and Community Service Awards by deadline dates</p> <p>Consider attending or entering the Rose Show / Rose Fest on July 15</p> <p>Compose short description of responsibilities for 8<sup>th</sup> District representative for presentation to the main body</p>	<p>Any DGFS member</p> <p>Any DGFS member</p> <p>Carol Borich</p>
<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>1. <u>Bylaws</u> – Mock up not available at this meeting. Needs to be read twice in order for any changes to take place. Officers have met and made suggested changes. Waiting for consecutive readings to that newest Bylaws are included in the 2017 Membership Directory.</p>	<p>Make strikeout version of Bylaws and bring to July meeting for first reading</p>	<p>James Gittlemeier</p>

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<p><b>NEW BUSINESS, cont</b></p>	<p>2. <u>Spring Luncheon 2018</u> – ridgeview Country club has been secured for May 12, 2018. Need club to sponsor.</p> <p>3. <u>Holiday Dinner</u> – Holiday Dinner is in lieu of a regular meeting and takes place the first Monday in December. Have held at Greysolon Place the last two years. Dinner would fall on December 4 this year. Suggestion made that we secure a venue now since many are filling up. Host club needed. Suggestion made that perhaps the officers could fill this.</p>	<p>Consider sponsoring the Spring Luncheon in 2018</p> <p>Consider sponsoring the Holiday Dinner in December</p>	<p>Any DGFS club</p> <p>Any DGFS club</p>
<p>Next meeting:  <b>Monday, July 10, 2017 @ 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>	<p>Please note: The meeting is scheduled one week later in July due to the Independence Day Holiday being observed on the first Monday of July. Important that as many representatives attend this meeting as final planning will take place for the Secret Garden Tour taking place on July 29.</p>		

