



Bookworms	Gitche Gumees	Lake Superior Rose Society Margaret J. Anderson	Normanna	Smithville Tom Black
Chester Creek Susie Darley-Hill	Hart Haven	Lake Superior Master Gardeners	Northland Orchid Society	Tischer Creek Linda Troolin Tom Kasper
Duluth Heights	Hortus Charlene Shimmin	Longview	Oregon Creek Julie Mockler*	Wild Ones
Emeritus	Lake Aire Ginny Snarski	Morgan Park	Park Point Diane Gould	Zenith City Diggers
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners	Lakeview	Mt. Royal	Proctor Hilltop	* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

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Review minutes of 05/02/16	No corrections or additions were noted by those present.	<i>Joan Barrett made the motion with Tom Black seconding to approve the 05/02/16 minutes as presented. Minutes approved.</i> Post approved minutes on web page.	Julie Mockler
Treasurer's Report	President does not have a current bank statement will get the current numbers to the Secretary to add to these minutes.	Send financial information to Julie Mockler so it can be included in the minutes.	Tom Kasper
OLD BUSINESS	1. <u>Spring Luncheon</u> – Tischer Creek and Mt. Royal Garden Clubs did a great job organizing this event. Lots of door prizes and raffle items. Speaker was fun; however, he never talked about bees. There were 71 in attendance. In general, people liked the room. Comment was made that there was insufficient signage in the building showing where the event was being held. Also, there were complaints that the food was awful. Clubs did well at the		

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<p>OLD BUSINESS, cont.</p>	<p>Country Store and will be giving a check to the Society for it's share. President commented that DGFS no longer needs to take a cut of the Country Store as it is financially solvent. Because the clubs had already written a check out, it was felt that discussion of DGFS not getting money from the Country Store could be held later. Comment was made that other clubs might not donate to a Country Store if the proceeds were going only to the organizing club.</p> <p>A list of door prize and raffle contributors was handed. 37 businesses were contacted with 20 donating. It was thought that the list of contributors be sent out as an addendum with the minutes instead of in them. The ones with nothing showing were not on the list. It was suggested that the recipient of the prize should be sending a thank you to that contributor.</p> <p>Volunteer club(s) was requested for next year. Suggestion was made that Hortus, Park Point or Lake Superior Rose Society be the volunteers for 2017. Rose Society felt there might be a conflict for them because their leadership works heavily on 8th District projects like their Spring Luncheon. It was stated that we would like involvement from the 8th District again on the Spring Luncheon if DGFS has more input into how the event transpires.</p> <p>Joan Scinocca from Mt. Royal has all the electronic lists, etc. for the Spring Luncheon should the new volunteer club need some help.</p> <p>2. <u>2016 dues and rosters</u> – Dues and rosters were received from all clubs with the exception of possibly not receiving dues from Wild Ones. That said, a Directory was made up from the information that was sent in. Under Chester Creek, take out the second "a" in the email address for Susie Darley-Hill. Also noted was that Gitche Gurnee was</p>	<p>Discuss within clubs whether or not to be the organizers for the 2017 Spring Luncheon.</p> <p>Check to see if Wild Ones has a check in the ones that are still waiting to be deposited.</p>	<p>Hortus - Charlene Shimmin Park Point Lake Superior Rose Society</p> <p>Tom Kasper</p>

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<p>OLD BUSINESS, cont.</p>	<p>inadvertently not in the final version as well as the end of the Directory was not in alphabetical order.</p> <p>3. <u>Great Gardening</u> – Season has ended; however, there will be a wrap up show on September 22nd. Thanks to all the clubs that showed up to answer phones.</p> <p>4. <u>Plant Sale</u> – Report was submitted by James Gittermeier that was read aloud.</p> <p>2016 DGFS Plant Sale Tidbits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather = cool and cloudy, but no rain and no wind off Lake Superior! • Morgan Park – first to arrive to set up at 6:30am and last to leave at 10:30am • Plant sale lasted for 2 hrs 30 minutes • Countdown time clock was a hit, should use it again next year. Need a loud, whistle or horn. • Bullhorn – some of the clubs furthest away said they couldn't hear anything said by the person with the bullhorn. • Great conversations and smiles! • 13 clubs participated this year: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Northland Orchid Society 2. Duluth Heights 3. Hortus 4. Morgan Park 5. Smithville 6. Longview 7. Zenith City Diggers 8. Lake Aire 9. Mount Royal 10. Tischer Creek 11. Wild Ones 12. Proctor Hilltop 13. Lake Superior Rose Society 	<p>Send out Gitche Gumee contact page as an addendum</p>	<p>Julie Mockler</p>

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<p>NEW BUSINESS, cont</p>	<p>interest in creating this new activity. Maybe next year.</p> <p>3. <u>Web changes</u> – Received email from our Web person, Joe Burton, telling us that he will be discontinuing his lease on his web server. His suggestion was to move our account to Webby Technologies owned by Josh Meyers as files, etc. could be moved easily. He thought the cost may be the same or even less.</p> <p>4. <u>Western Garden Tour</u> – Nothing has been heard about this yet. There is a new chairperson. They have contacted Tom Kasper as they are looking for volunteers to answer questions. He will forward the email he got to the secretary to attach to the minutes.</p> <p>5. <u>Free past tomato plants</u> – Ann Fink has about 40 paste tomato plants to find homes for. If you would like some, please contact her at 218-343-7829.</p> <p>6. <u>Spring Luncheon 2017</u> – Venue has been secured for next year. It will be held at Ridgeview Country Club.</p> <p>7. <u>2016 DGFS Directory</u> – See discussion under Old Business, #2 - Dues and Rosters.</p> <p>8. <u>DGFS promotional pamphlet</u> – Pamphlets were handed out to clubs that had not been at the plant sale or who simply didn't get theirs then. These were done up in order to promote all the DGFS clubs and may be copied by each club as needed when they are running out. Susie Darley-Hill requested a PDF version so that she might have available at WLSSD.</p>	<p><i>Diane Gould made the motion to move to Webby Technologies as recommended by Joe Burton. Joan Barrett seconded. Motion passed.</i></p> <p>Contact Joe and let him know he can move our account to Webby Technologies.</p> <p>Send email regarding the Western Garden Tour to Julie Mockler to attach to minutes as send out.</p> <p>Contact Ann Fink if interested in getting some paste tomato plants.</p> <p>Send PDF version of DGFS promotional pamphlet to Susie Darley-Hill.</p>	<p>Julie Mockler</p> <p>Tom Kasper</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Julie Mockler</p>
<p>OTHER</p>	<p>1. <u>Use of grants</u> – Grant recipients were asked if they had spent their grant yet and what on.</p>		

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OTHER, cont	<p>A. <u>Smithville/Morgan Park</u> – They spent their grant on tomato plants. 330 plants were potted up in about an hour. Plants were given out to 12 classes in Stowe School along with instructions for how to care for the plants and information on Ray Picconatto, the tomato man.</p> <p>B. <u>Park Point</u> – Hired someone to bring in fill to cover part of the garden and to get rid of some plants they no longer wanted. Bought some rose bushes and a couple other plants to put in.</p> <p>C. <u>Proctor Hilltop</u> – Received thank you note from Roger Hill.</p> <p>D. <u>Lake Superior Rose Society</u> – Thank you received. They used their grant to help offset costs associated with media and printing costs for the Rose Fest / Rose Show.</p> <p>E. <u>Oregon Creek</u> – Society thanked. Used their grant funds to purchase perennials to help transform their garden from a shade garden to a sun garden. They also sold Hosta up at their plot on the day of the plant sale.</p> <p>Those clubs who did not receive funding for various reasons this year are encouraged to apply again next year.</p> <p>2. <u>Dale Hurst Memorial Scholarship</u> – As previously mentioned, the scholarship we donate to the 8th District has been re-named the Dale Hurst Memorial Scholarship. Donations for \$180.00 in the following amounts were received: \$100.00 from Carol Borich \$50.00 from David Wildung \$30.00 from James Conroy</p> <p>3. <u>Lake Superior Master Gardeners plant sale</u> – Was held last Saturday at St. Lawrence Church. Well attended despite the weather and they were practically sold out by</p>		

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<p>OTHER, cont</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. People had been standing out in the rain for about a half an hour before the sale started.</p> <p>4. <u>Longview plant sale</u> – Was not well attended. That was probably due to the weather as this sale was outside.</p> <p>5. <u>Duluth News Tribune article regarding Tom Kasper's new greenhouse</u> – Thought it was very well written. This was done by Candace Reynalls and was the last article for her as she retired.</p> <p>6. <u>Holiday Dinner date change proposal</u> – Because Hortus generally does not attend due to a conflict with their own Holiday Dinner, it was suggested the DGFS hold a dinner in November instead because there are so many other activities in December. Suggestion was that this idea be brought back to clubs for discussion.</p> <p>Response at this meeting was that this is the only Holiday Dinner some attend so what would be the point in having something in November? The Holiday Party is always on the first Monday in December in lieu of having a regular meeting.</p> <p>7. <u>Invite to tour WLSSD compost facility</u> – A comment was made at the Spring Luncheon by the speaker regarding the compost at WLSSD. An invite was issued for people to come and tour and find out how much goes into producing compost. Perhaps DGFS could organize a tour.</p> <p>8. <u>Our 8th District Scholarship winner</u> – Picture of our 8th District Scholarship winner, Lyric Lekander of Barnum, was in the News Tribune for winning another scholarship. Article was passed around for everyone to see. Also, nice picture of her in the latest edition of SEEDS.</p>	<p>Contact Susie Darley-Hill at 218-740-4787 to set up a tour of the WLSSD compost site</p>	<p>Any interested DGFS member or club</p>

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<p>Next meeting: Monday, July 11, 2016 @ 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>			

