



Bookworms	Gitche Gumees	Lake Superior Rose Society	Normanna	Smithville Cathy Strunk John Strunk
Chester Creek James Gittemeier	Hart Haven	Lake Superior Master Gardeners	Northland Orchid Society	Tischer Creek Tom Kasper
Duluth Heights	Hortus	Longview	Oregon Creek Julie Mockler*	Wild Ones
Emeritus Joan Barrett	Lake Aire Ginny Snarski	Morgan Park	Park Point Diane Gould	Zenith City Diggers
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners	Lakeview	Mt. Royal	Proctor Hilltop	Wendy Sjoblom-no club affiliation

* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of 07/11/16		<i>Joan Barrett made the motion with Diane Gould seconding to accept the 07/11/16 minutes as presented. Motion carried.</i> Post approved minutes on web page.	Julie Mockler
Treasurer's Report	To be discussed under Secret Garden Tour		
OLD BUSINESS	1. <u>Secret Garden Tour</u> – Was scheduled for July 21 st - the date we had the horrific storm. Four of the seven gardens sustained significant damage. The bus company couldn't get the buses out of the garage. President and Secretary talked and decided to cancel the event. President went to Marshall School to tell people who might show up that the tour was cancelled. About 50-60 people showed up. They were unaware of all the damage many		

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<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Harvest Festivals</u> – Smithville is still working with Stowe School. Many schools now support their festivals with school staff or by families with children at those schools. We can still donate ribbons if they are needed. 2. <u>Holiday Dinner</u> – Is scheduled for the first Monday in December in the Moorish Room at Greysolon Plaza. Question was asked whether or not a deposit had been made on the facility. 	<p>Contact Greysolon Plaza to see if we have made a deposit on the Moorish Room</p>	<p>Tom Kasper</p>
<p>OTHER</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Garden Plot signs</u> – Question was asked how to go about getting a new garden sign. Contact Cheryl Skaftke with the City of Duluth. 2. <u>Officer positions</u> – President stated that he will be stepping down at the end of this year so a new president will be needed. This can be done by having someone volunteer to take the position or by having a Nominating Committee. It was also pointed out that we have not had a Treasurer 		

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<p>OTHER, cont.</p>	<p>for over a year. Current secretary is on her second year as such and previously had been the secretary for eight years. President has been in office for twelve years. He is not sure whether or not he will continue with the Society. Suggestion was made that we discuss the skill set we want in a president at the next meeting and also, if not much interest is shown, whether or not we should disband.</p>	<p>Put officer positions on September agenda</p>	<p>Tom Kasper</p>
<p>Next meeting: Monday, Sept. 12 , 2016 @ 5:15 p.m. @ Lafayette Rec. Center (3026 Minnesota Ave.) [Note date change due to Labor Day Holiday]</p> <p>Please email website items to: duluthgardenflowersociety@gmail.com by the <i>Tuesday or Wednesday</i> following the Monday meeting.</p>			

