

Bookworms Pam Ellison Dee Burke	Hart Haven	Lake Superior Master Gardeners Jan LeBard	Norton Park Mae Anderson*	Tischer Creek Tom Kasper*
Chester Creek Sheryl Lind	Hortus	Longview Judyth Babst	Oregon Creek Printha Markert Julie Mockler	Upper Cody Community Garden
Duluth Heights	Lake Aire Lisa Kappenman	Morgan Park	Park Point Diane Gould	Vermillion
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners	Lakeview	Mt. Royal Joan Scinocca* Normanna	Proctor Hilltop	Wild Ones
Gitche Gummee	Lake Superior Rose Society	Northern Lights Northland Orchid Society	SMDC Wellness Smithville	Zenith City Diggers Therese Presley Bob Norstrom

* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of 11/02/09	Correction noted on Page 3, first paragraph. Should state that Bayfront Visions is considering giving Chester Creek Gardens a donation.	<p><i>Sheryl Lind made the motion to accept the minutes with the one correction. Diane Gould seconded. Minutes approved.</i></p> <p>Make correction to November minutes. Forward corrected copy to Web Master.</p>	Julie Mockler
Treasurer's Report	<p>Expenditures included \$47.03 for September, October and November meeting minutes and \$500.00 to Minnesota State Horticulture Society 8th District toward the scholarship fund.</p> <p>DGFS received a \$500.00 donation from Genesis Attachments. Thank you letter was written by Treasurer, read aloud and signed by all officers. Also received were dues from four clubs. Checking Account balance is \$8,788.04</p> <p>Dues from remaining clubs are due by April 1.</p>	<p><i>Diane Gould made the motion with Printha Markert seconding to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Report accepted.</i></p>	

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OLD BUSINESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Christmas Party</u> – Food and service were very good. However, it was not known that Radisson would tack on an 18% gratuity fee. Even though this was different than the parties that had been organized in the past, it was thought that this was very nice. However, it would be better to be at a venue where we have one large room to ourselves so we can interact better. About 60 people attended which is almost as many as for a fully organized dinner. 2. <u>Bentleyville</u> – Even though Bentleyville was closed four days because of weather issues, there were about 160,000 in attendance. Two of those days were Christmas Eve and Christmas Day where attendance is usually very big. Mr. Bentley will be deciding in the next few days whether or not to continue at Bayfront. Suggestion was given that our members log on to the Bentleyville site and thank him for setting up in Duluth this year. We might be able to help convince him to continue on here. 	<p>Discuss Christmas party with clubs and bring feedback to February meeting.</p> <p>Log on to Bentleyville web site to thank Nathan Bentley for operating in Duluth this year.</p>	<p>All Club Presidents</p> <p>DGFS members with computer access</p>
NEW BUSINESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Funding Donations</u> – Reviewed previous suggestion regarding donations that DGFS might make with our treasury: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Friends of the Parks for Chester Park Garden House and gardens -- Suggestion had been made that between \$3,000 and \$5,000 be donated contingent upon them creating a match to our funds. Suggestion also that if we donate, our funds be designated for specific projects. Friends has applied for 501c status as a non-profit and are in the final stages of entering into an agreement with the City. Zenith City Diggers will be donating \$300.00 and has challenged other clubs to do the same. b. Suspend membership dues for a year. c. Community Garden Programs – They have had layoffs including the Executive Director. They only 		

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NEW BUSINESS, cont.	<p>have three Board members left. Close to a cross roads of not existing. May not be a good idea to donate to them now Discussed that our donations may not ensure success of any group.</p> <p>2. <u>Spring Seminars</u> – Society has sponsored seminars in the past. Do we want to continue? Do we charge admission? Discussed Master Gardeners venues at Fairlawn. They have charged \$15.00 per person. Committee needs to be formed . Chair requested. Sheryl Lind will chair.</p> <p>3. <u>Gardens of Fairlawn seminars</u> – Thursdays from January 21 through April 15. 6:00-8:00 p.m. \$15.00 for a single program or \$40.00 for any three programs. Topics: January 21 – Landscape Design - Where Do I Begin? February 4 – Gone to Pot March 4 – It starts with Dirt March 18 – Lots of Veggies, Little Space April 1 – Creating the Garden Sanctuary - A Place of Refuge in a Chaotic World April 15 – All About Apples: From Planting to Pies</p> <p>Contact Susan Anderson at 394-5712 for advance registration. More info at superiorpublicmuseums.org.</p> <p>4. <u>Bookworm Garden Club event</u> – Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at Ferguson Kitchen, Bath and Lighting Gallery, 4209 Airpark Blvd., Duluth from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Presenters such as Bob Olen, Roger Hill, Deb Erickson, Dave Severson, John Greenham, Dan Deninger and Tom Kasper. A light dinner will be available and door prizes given. Order tickets by February 2. Cost is \$10.00. Send checks to 5911 W 8th Street, Duluth, MN 55807. Will be \$12.00 at the door. Pam at 624-4726 may be contacted with questions.</p>	<p>Discuss potential donations with clubs and report back in February. Consider attending any of the Fairlawn seminars</p> <p>Consider attending Bookworms Evening of Gardening on February 9th.</p>	<p>All Club Presidents Any DGFS member</p> <p>Any DGFS member</p>

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	<p>5. <u>Spring Luncheon</u> – Set for Saturday, April 17, 2010. More information to follow.</p> <p>6. <u>Plants for School Children</u> – Ray Piccanatto has provided in the past. He has recently had more surgery. Suggestion made that members send cards to him thanking him for past efforts and get well wishes. Vice Chair will email address to all clubs to share with club members.</p> <p>7. <u>Heritage Garden</u> – Committee needs to be formed to champion effort.</p> <p>8. <u>Secret Garden Tour</u> – Committee needs to be formed to champion.</p> <p>9. <u>Flower Show</u> – Sheryl Lind has agreed to chair. Is set for July 23, 2010.</p> <p>10. <u>Harvest Festival</u> – Committee needed to organize.</p>	<p>Email Ray Piccanatto's address to clubs.</p> <p>Send cards to Ray.</p>	<p>Sheryl Lind</p> <p>Any DGFS member</p>
OTHER	<p>1. <u>Officer positions</u> – President and Secretary have held positions for six years. President is willing to continue <i>if</i> committees are formed to take over organizing many activities the Society now does. President has other commitments that will require his time. He cannot be in the middle of every activity we would like to do. Holding an office is not meant to be lifelong. There should be some turnover. Secretary is ready to step down.</p>	<p>Query clubs for potential replacements for President and Secretary. Contact Tom Kasper with names of potential volunteers.</p>	<p>All DGFS Club Presidents</p>
<p>Next meeting: Monday, February 1, 2010 @ 5:15 p.m. @ Parks office building (12 E. 4th St.)</p>			

