

Bookworms Dale Hurst*	Gitche Gummee Emmy Libal Ann Fink	Lake Superior Master Gardeners	Norton Park Ray Picconatto	Smithville
Duluth Heights	Hart Haven Barb Munic*	Longview Anita Stech	Oatmeal Hill	Tischer Creek Tom Kasper* Mary Jo Jauert*
Ensign Carolyn Dahl Rose Schilling Dee Johnson	Hortus Mae Anderson* Bruce Berg*	Morgan Park	Oregon Creek Julie Mockler Printha Markert	Vermillion Wild Ones
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners Karin Cummings	Lake Aire Lakeview	Northern Lights Eleanor Hoffman	Park Point Harriet Meagher Nancy Shaw	Zenith City Diggers Bob Norstrom*
Glensheen Garden Guild Peder Nelson Sheryl Lind	Lake Superior Rose Society	Northland Orchid Society	Proctor Hilltop SMDC Wellness	Lisa Jefferson

* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of 12/03/07		<p><i>Kathy Hannan made the motion with Ann Fink seconding to approve the 12/03/07 minutes as presented. Minutes approved.</i></p>	
Treasurer's Report	<p>Took in \$1,848.09 (mostly for the Christmas Dinner). Expenses were \$200.00. Balance is \$7,488.17. Costs for Christmas Dinner have not been received yet. Audit Committee needed to review books for 2007.</p> <p>Treasurer brought several sheets for review. One was a budget analysis projection for 2008. Concern was expressed that if we don't start to curb our spending, we will be broke in a couple of years. We cashed out a CD in 2007 that helped to pay for many expenses. Our revenue generating sources are dues and the Secret Garden Tour. Suggestion made that we have a budget committee to review our finances and bring forth a proposed budget. Committee would need to meet once for about an 1½ hours. Volunteers requested. Suggestion was made that the Treasurer produce a document for the</p>	<p>Meet and brainstorm on a budget for 2008. Report due in February.</p>	<p>Peder Nelson Dale Hurst</p>

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Treasurer's Report, cont.	Budget Committee and also attend meeting to answer questions.	Prepare pertinent information for review by Budget Committee and attend meeting to answer questions.	Ann Fink
OLD BUSINESS	<p>1. Christmas Dinner – Although attendance was down, it was still a very nice party. Food was good. Each club brought an un-wrapped toy to that was donated to area youth. Perhaps each club could donate money in the future and a committee could purchase the toys.</p> <p>Prices continue to climb so there was discussion about moving the Dinner next year to a different venue. Suggestion was made that we book Northland Country Club for next. After reviewing calendars, the primary date chosen for the 2008 Christmas Dinner is Tuesday, December 16. Still need volunteer club to organize.</p>	Book Northland Country Club for 12/16/08 for the 2008 Christmas Dinner.	Tom Kasper
NEW BUSINESS	<p>1. <u>Dues & Rosters</u> – Information is not getting to Treasurer. Clubs need to note DGFS's new address which is 130 W. Superior St., Suite 550, Duluth, MN 55802. This will help ensure that mail is received in a timely manner.</p> <p>The following clubs need to send in dues, updated rosters, and list of new officers by the end of January:</p> <p>Book Worms Fredenberg Gitche Gummee Glensheen Hortus Lake Superior Rose Society Northland Orchid Society SMDC Tischer Creek Vermilion Wild Ones</p> <p>Also noted was that some information was missing from the following clubs:</p>	Send dues, rosters and list of new officers to Treasurer by the end of January to the correct address.	Noted DGFS clubs

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NEW BUSINESS, cont.	<p>Lakeview - New roster & officers info needed Longview - List of new officers needed Northern Lights - Wrong name listed for club. Need new roster and officer listing Oatmeal Hill - Need officer emails verified</p> <p>2. <u>Spring Luncheon</u> – Speaker initially booked reneged for a larger booking fee. Need to look for another speaker now. Discussed concern that sponsoring club might like some seed money to start venue. Still concerned that club could be stuck with all the expenses. Have booked a restaurant at Fitger's for April 19. Date might still be changed after further discussion and research. Suggestion was that the ticket price be reflective of the cost of the speaker. Clubs will again be asked to provide brochures to help recruit new members.</p> <p>3. <u>Spring Seminars</u> – Committee will be contacted within the next two weeks to set up a planning meeting. Topics will and speakers will be selected and list of potential dates will be established.</p> <p>4. <u>Annual Plant Sale</u> – Discussed whether or not the same date should be retained. (Generally the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend) Volunteer chair requested for this year's sale. Date this year would be May 24, 2008.</p> <p>5. <u>Secret Garden Tour</u> – Scheduled for third Saturday in July. (July 19) So far, Enger Park has been booked to eat lunch at as we have received comments that stated that the Women's Club did not seem able to handle that large of a group for lunch. Enger seats about 200. We will have to look into caterers. Committee will be called to start planning in March.</p>	<p>Bring back pertinent information regarding Spring Luncheon to DGFS.</p> <p>Contact Spring Seminar Committee to set planning meeting.</p> <p>Review brochures and update, if needed before Spring Seminars.</p> <p>Bring Spring Seminar information back to main body as soon as set.</p> <p><i>Question: Keep the plant sale on Saturday during Memorial weekend? Majority - Yes; Nay - Emmy Libal</i></p> <p>Coordinate Spring Plant Sale.</p> <p>Consider working on Secret Garden Planning Committee.</p>	<p>Gitche Gumme Garden Club</p> <p>Tom Kasper</p> <p>All DGFS clubs</p> <p>Spring Seminar Committee</p> <p>Sheryl Lind</p> <p>Any DGFS member</p>

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NEW BUSINESS, cont.	<p>6. <u>Flower Bed Contest</u> – Although it is a costly venue for us, we should do this again this year. Committee will be needed to plan.</p> <p>7. <u>Flower Show</u> – Scheduled for the fourth Saturday in July (July 26, 2008). Discussed that perhaps we have put too much emphasis on the artistic display categories. We might be more participation if we encouraged and promoted specimen showings. This might bring more the beginners in. Could send around informational videos from MSHS on how this is done. We have also been asked by the organizers of the Finn Fest (Finish Heritage) to have a category in the Flower Show that highlighted blue and white types of plantings. Also been asked if our gardeners might consider blue and white in their gardens as well.</p> <p>8. <u>Election of Officers 2008-09</u> – Current slate of officers has served for 4 years. Would need to change By-Laws in order to allow any of these people to continue unless there are volunteers for these positions. If we wish to change the By-Laws, the proposed changes need to be read twice. Volunteers were requested for each of the positions. Sheryl Lind volunteered to be Vice President. She will have to chair meeting next month until By-Law change has been approved.</p> <p><u>Donations and Funding</u> – Discussed possibility of raising DGFS dues per person in order to keep up with rising costs. Suggestion was made that this could be \$5.00 per person instead of the current \$3.00 per person. (See also discussion under Treasurer's Report.)</p>	<p><i>Bruce Berg made the motion with Nancy Shaw seconding to amend the By-laws and amend By-Laws to allow officers to serve unlimited terms. Vote was 13-yes, 6 -no. Motion carried.</i></p> <p><i>Vote: Elect Sheryl Lind as Vice President. Unanimously approved.</i></p> <p>Conduct initial part of February DGFS meeting.</p>	Sheryl Lind

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OTHER	<p>1. Andrew Sankey – Speaker from England who discusses cottage gardens and design. Has visited Duluth in the past and spoken. Has a new book called Cottage Favorites that is available at Edelweiss for \$7.50. He is currently working on a new book. He would like to work a speaking engagement here during the fall. Suggestion was made that perhaps he could arrange tours of gardens in England.</p> <p>2. 8th District Scholarship – Applications were passed out to give out to area high school seniors. Two scholarships available - \$500.00 and \$250.00. Encouraged to get applicants. Applicants need to write an 200-500 word essay about involvement / experience in horticulture / gardening activities. <i>Applications due by February 1, 2008.</i></p>	Encourage high school seniors to apply for 8 th District Scholarships.	All DGFS members
<p>Next meeting: Monday, February 4, 2008 @ 5:15 p.m. @ Parks office building (12 E. 4th St.)</p>			