

Bookworms Judy Goar Pam Ellison DeeDee Burke Chester Creek James Gittermeier	Hart Haven Hortus Bruce Burke Lake Aire Lisa Kappenman Lakeview	Lake Superior Master Gardeners Janet LeBard Longview Judyth Babst Morgan Park Mt. Royal Joan Scinocca Normanna Northern Lights Northland Orchid Society	Norton Park Oregon Creek Julie Mockler Park Point Diane Gould Proctor Hilltop Kathy Hannan SMDC Wellness Smithville Ray Picconatto	Tischer Creek Tom Kasper* Upper Cody Community Garden Vermillion Wild Ones Zenith City Diggers Therese Presley
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* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

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Review minutes of 01/04/10	Bruce Berg was inadvertently omitted from the attendance for January. Change date of Spring Luncheon to April 24 on Page 4, Item 5. Omit fourth sentence under Other, Officer positions.	<p><i>Kathy Hannan made the motion with Diane Gould seconding to accept the 01/04/10 minutes as corrected. Minutes approved.</i></p> <p>Make corrections to 01/04/10 minutes.</p>	Julie Mockler
Treasurer's Report	Received membership dues from six clubs. Reminder noted that clubs should be sending in dues and membership rosters to Treasurer before April. Balance on hand is \$9,053.04.	<p>Send dues and membership rosters to DGFS Treasurer as soon as possible.</p> <p><i>Judyth Babst made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Judy Goar seconded. Report accepted.</i></p>	All DGFS Clubs that have not done so yet.

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OLD BUSINESS	<p>1. <u>Friends of the Parks</u> – We had discussed previously about donating funds to help build raised beds at the Lower Chester Park site for vegetable gardening. However, they are currently looking into applying for a grant from the State of Minnesota to help with costs (i.e. making the building as eco friendly as possible). Recommendation was made that we hold off with our donation until after the grant process is completed and some of the construction items noted in the grant completed.</p>		
NEW BUSINESS	<p>1. <u>Gardening Evening</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>2. <u>Funding Donation</u> – We are still looking for ideas on how to spend down our treasury. Recommendation was that we pay Ray Picconatto for the supplies that he needs to start plants for the kids gardening project. However, Ray requested that these funds be donated to the American Cancer Society. Since we want to make sure all our donations are garden related, we will have to figure out how to do both. Maybe we can do the donation through Ray. Ray also expressed his thanks for all the cards. They meant a great deal to him.</p> <p>Suggestion was made that a committee be formed to deal with these requests. A form needs to be developed to use when requesting funds. Hope is to have this developed by the next meeting to email out to club presidents.</p>	<p>Contact Book Worms Garden Club to reserve place at Gardening Evening event.</p> <p>Develop DGFS funding request form for review in March.</p>	<p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>James Gittermeier</p>

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NEW BUSINESS, cont.	<p>Another suggestion was that we might want to think about donating money to help with the restoration of Enger Tower since it is an integral part of that garden and park.</p> <p>3. <u>Seminars</u> – Sheryl Lind has agreed to Chair Committee for Spring Seminars. Any interested member should contact her to help set these up.</p> <p>4. <u>Spring Luncheon</u> – Will be held on April 24, 2010 at the Holiday Inn starting at 11:00 a.m. Theme will be “Contain Your Succulents”. Guest speaker, Lori Graves from Engwalls will do a presentation on succulents. Cost is \$20.00 per person with a choice of London Broil or Chicken Marsala. Reservations need to be received by 04/19/10. Any questions should be directed to Joan Scinocca at 728-0589 or jmscinocca@hotmail.com. Checks should be made payable to Mr. Royal Garden Club. Should be sent to Joan at 1815 Carver Ave., Duluth, MN 55803. Registration forms are posted on our Web site.</p> <p>Each club should bring items for the Country Store. Items can be dropped off at the next two DGFS meetings or dropped off at Joan’s house.</p> <p>5. <u>Plants for School Children</u> – Was generally covered above under Funding Donations.</p> <p>6. <u>Plant Sale</u> – Scheduled for May 29, 2010 (Memorial Day weekend). Helps clubs raise money. We had a second selling day last year; however, attendance was not as good as the first day. We can discuss this again at the next meetings.</p> <p>7. <u>Heritage Garden</u> -- Committee needed to work on this garden. Did not work well to request clubs to volunteer on Wednesdays. Clubs will probably be assigned a week or</p>	<p>Contact Tom Kasper if interested in serving on the Funding Donations Committee.</p> <p>Contact Sheryl Lind if interested in serving on the Seminars Committee.</p> <p>Send in reservation to Spring Luncheon by April 19.</p> <p>Donate items for the Country Store.</p> <p>Contact Sheryl Lind if interested in serving on the Heritage Garden Committee.</p>	<p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Any interested DGFS members</p> <p>All DGFS Clubs</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p>

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NEW BUSINESS, cont.	<p>or two for maintaining this plot.</p> <p>8. <u>Secret Garden Tour</u> – Will be held on July 17 this year. No tickets available yet. Numbers were up last year with the new format (bus and self-guided). Recommendation made that we utilize this format this year as well. Committee will need to be formed to plan this event. We are still looking for gardens to tour.</p> <p>9. <u>Flower Show</u> – Sheryl Lind has agreed to chair. Will be held on Friday, July 23, 2010. Depot has already been reserved. Date has been noted on the Web page.</p> <p>10. <u>Flower Bed Contest</u> – New club is needed to sponsor contest. Book Worms club has all necessary information. They put out flyers by April last year.</p> <p>11. <u>Harvest Festivals</u> – Need a committee to spearhead these. Clubs encouraged to sponsor an event at a school.</p>	<p>Contact Tom Kasper with name and location of any potential gardens for the Secret Garden Tour.</p> <p>Mark calendar with Flower Show date.</p> <p>Contact Tom Kasper if interested in sponsoring this years Flower Bed Contest.</p> <p>Consider serving on a Harvest Festival Committee. Contact Tom Kasper if interested.</p>	<p>Any DGFS member</p> <p>All DGFS members</p> <p>Any interested DGFS Club</p> <p>Any DGFS member</p>
OTHER	<p>1. <u>Condolences appreciated</u> – It was reported that Mae Anderson was appreciative of the sentiments received from members after the death and funeral of her husband, Don. Don will certainly be missed by all of us and his service to the community.</p> <p>2. <u>Duluth Playhouse</u> – They are presenting the musical, “The Secret Garden” and would like to offer a reduced ticket rate (from \$23.00 to \$15.00) for all DGFS members on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. as DGFS community day. However, blocks of 15 must be purchased. Contact the Playhouse at (218) 733-7555. More information has been posted on the Web.</p> <p>3. <u>Depot Flower Garden</u> – Since the Depot gives us the use of the Great Hall free each year for the Flower Show,</p>		

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OTHER, cont.	<p>Judy Goar and her husband have volunteered to plant and maintain the Depot gardens. This is a very big job and they could use some help.</p> <p>4. <u>Visiting Landscape Designers</u> – Landscape Designers are visiting Duluth on February 24 and requested seeing some Duluth gardens with winter interest.</p> <p>5. <u>Fall Plant Sale</u> – Zenith City Diggers are interested in pursuing a Fall Plant Sale. Discussed best location to hold this at. Dates considered were 09/18 or 09/25. In-line marathon takes place on 09/18 and would make access to the Rose Garden parking lot difficult until later in the day. Suggestion was made that we combine with the Chester Bowl Fallfest which will be on 09/18. Cost to rent a booth would be \$45.00. Perhaps we could have people to do Questions and Answers. This would be a good venue to try to garner new members as well.</p> <p>6. <u>Tour des Fleurs</u> – Don't think there is one being planned for this year.</p>	<p>Consider helping at the Depot Garden. Contact Judy Goar at 722-0266 if interested.</p> <p>Contact Judyth Babst at 724-7140 with any potential gardens.</p> <p>Query clubs to see if there is interest in participating in a Fall Plant Sale.</p>	<p>Any DGFS member</p> <p>Any DGFS member</p> <p>DGFS Club Presidents</p>
<p>Next meeting: Monday, March 1, 2010 @ 5:15 p.m. @ Parks office building (12 E. 4th St.)</p>			