

Bookworms Pam Ellison	Hart Haven Barb Munic*	Lake Superior Master Gardeners Jan LeBard	Norton Park	Tischer Creek Tom Kasper*
Chester Creek Sheryl Lind James Gittermeier	Hortus Bruce Berg*	Longview Judyth Babst	Oregon Creek Printha Markert Julie Mockler	Upper Cody Community Garden
Duluth Heights Reggie Phillips	Lake Aire Lone Cooke Lisa Kappenman	Morgan Park Amy Johnson*	Park Point Diane Gould	Vermillion
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners Mary Stellman	Lakeview	Mt. Royal Joan Scinocca*	Proctor Hilltop	Wild Ones
Gitche Gummee	Lake Superior Rose Society	Northern Lights	SMDC Wellness	Zenith City Diggers
		Northland Orchid Society	Smithville	

* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of 02/01/10	One change noted. Under Hortus in the club names, change Bruce Burke to Bruce Berg.	<i>Lone Cooke made the motion to accept the 03/01/10 minutes with the noted corrections. Diane Gould seconded. Minutes approved.</i> Correct minutes and send to Web Master to post.	Julie Mockler
Treasurer's Report	Several clubs sent in dues and there were some minor expenses. Balance on hand is \$9,259.20.	<i>Printha Markert made the motion with James Gittermeier seconding to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Report accepted.</i>	
OLD BUSINESS	1. <u>Gardening Evening</u> – Book Worms hosted an event at Ferguson Kitchen, Bath and Lighting Gallery on February 9. Attendees were served a light dinner. Duluth Grill was the food provider. About 140 were in attendance. Biggest complaint was that it was sometimes hard to hear. Club may do something like this again next year as those at this meeting thought it was something that was		

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OLD BUSINESS, cont.	<p>worthwhile to attend and that they enjoyed it.</p> <p>2. <u>Tour des Fleurs</u> – As erroneously reported earlier this year, Tour des Fleurs will take place again this year. Scheduled for June 5th, 2010. The North bus will probably hit Swanson's and the Cherry Green House. Wisconsin participants will include Wentworth, Missines, and Pedersen's. More info to come later.</p>		
NEW BUSINESS	<p>1. <u>Funding Donations</u> – Since our treasury seems to be quite healthy, discussion took place on possibilities to allocate these funds to. A draft application to apply for these was handed out for review. Use of funds should be for public beautification.</p> <p>Some suggestions noted were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Give \$100.00 to each of our 25 clubs (\$2,500.00) City budget has been cut. City will apply for about \$1,000.00 to take care of costs of flowers. Donate more money to the establishment of the Japanese garden at Enger Tower. Donate toward the refurbishment of Enger tower. Downtown Rotary and the City have designated significant funds toward this but they can use help. Tower is to be tuck pointed, stairs repaired, electrical updated, and will be up lighted (from the ground up). Tower will be closed from July, 2010 to until 2011. <p>We need to determine what our upcoming expenses are for the Flower Show, etc. before we start disbursing funds.</p> <p>2. <u>Seminars</u> – If we are going to do this, we need to pick dates. Suggestion made were that we could use several sites (i.e., Central Hillside Community Center, Chester Bowl, Lafayette) to hold the sessions at. We need to have things in place by April. If we charge, we could use funds made to donate toward the Japanese garden. Volunteer needed to organize.</p>	<p>Chair Seminars subcommittee</p> <p>Serve on Seminars subcommittee</p>	<p>Sheryl Lind</p> <p>Amy Johnson Diane Gould</p>

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NEW BUSINESS, cont.	<p>3. <u>Spring Luncheon</u> – Scheduled for Saturday, April 24th, 2010. Theme is “Contain Your Succulents”. To be held at the Holiday Inn Duluth, Lower level. \$20.00 per person. Starts at 11:00 a.m. Reservations need to be in by April 19th. Choice of London Broil or Chicken Marsala. Country store items can be brought to the next DGFS meeting or dropped off at 1815 Carver Avenue. Questions should be directed to Joan Scinocca at 728-0589.</p> <p>4. <u>Plants for School Children</u> – Discussion took place on how this occurred in the past. Two years ago, it cost about \$750.00 for us to purchase plants. Last year Ray Piconnatto started all the plants. We would like to reimburse Ray for his expenses.</p> <p>5. <u>Plant Sale</u> – Sale will take place as in years past. Memorial weekend Saturday at the Rose Garden parking lot. We had a second date last year in case the weather was lousy. We may bill June 5th as a Rain date. The biggest selling day was the first Saturday last year as this date has been established as our regular sale date.</p> <p>6. <u>Heritage Garden</u> – This item was skipped.</p> <p>7. <u>Secret Garden Tour</u> – This will be the 15th year this has been done. Volunteers are needed as well as suggestions for possible gardens to tour. Committee needs to be formed to start planning. This is our biggest money maker for the year. We will keep the same format we used last year which was having buses and having self-guided tours. Committee needs to start meeting in April. Buses have already been reserved.</p> <p>8. <u>Flower Show</u> – Scheduled for Friday, July 23rd, 2010. Theme this year will be “Honoring Duluth, the Zenith City”. It is hoped that Zenith City Diggers can be greeters.</p>	<p>--Send in registration for Spring Luncheon by April 19th.</p> <p><i>Diane Gould made the motion with Lone Cooke seconding to give Ray Piconnatto \$500.00 to produce the plants for school children. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Send \$500.00 check to Ray.</p> <p>Mark calendars regarding yearly Plant Sale.</p> <p>Have sign up sheets for Plant Sale available for April DGFS meeting.</p>	<p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Bruce Berg</p> <p>All DGFS Clubs</p> <p>Sheryl Lind</p>

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NEW BUSINESS, cont.	<p>(because of their catchy name). Volunteers are needed to work on this. Park Point will do entries again this year</p> <p>9. <u>Flower Bed Contest</u> – New club needed to organize for this year. Book Worms has organized in the past. Contest has extended to areas outside the City limits to reflect the scope that DGFS now has.</p> <p>10. <u>Harvest Festivals</u> – Several clubs have made contact with area schools. Homecroft is looking for a garden club to help them with this.</p> <p>11. <u>Fall Event</u> – Had previously discussed possibility of participating at the Fall Fest at Chester Bowl. Approximately 7,000 to 10,000 people attend this event. Clubs could sell plants. Booth would cost approximately \$45.00. Will have more discussion as year goes on.</p>	<p>Contact Tom Kasper or Book Worms Garden Club if interested in organizing the Flower Bed Contest.</p> <p>Contact Tom Kasper if interested in working with Homecroft School for a Harvest Festival.</p>	<p>Any interested DGFS Club</p> <p>Any interested DGFS Club</p>
OTHER	<p>1. <u>Great Gardening Program on PBS (Channel 8)</u> – Starting its' 7th season. Karen Sunderman will no longer host. Pam Fish will be host. Kick off will be next Thursday, March ? @ 7:00 p.m. Then it will air starting April 8 and go for 10 weeks. Opportunity for DGFS members to work phone banks. This would be for four weeks. Volunteer clubs requested. Four weeks will be covered by St. Louis County Master Gardeners and two weeks by Carlton County Master Gardeners. Need at least four people.</p> <p>2. <u>Secret Garden</u> – Another opportunity available to attend. Saturday, March 6, 2010 at matinee showing. \$15.00. Call for reservations.</p> <p>3. <u>American Cancer Society Relay for Life</u> – Having a bulb sale. Other gardening items on sale. Contact Barb at 727-7429. Suggestion was made that this be forwarded to Web Master to post.</p>	<p>Staff phones at Great Gardening:</p> <p>Forward info regarding American Cancer Society Relay for Life sale to Bruce Berg for posting.</p>	<p>Fredenberg Book Worms Mt. Royal</p> <p>Joan Scinocca</p>
<p>Next meeting: Monday, April 5, 2010 @ 5:15 p.m. @ Parks office building (12 E. 4th St.)</p>			

