

Bookworms	John Greenham	Gitche Gummee	Lake Superior Master Gardeners	Norton Park	Smithville
	Judy Goar	Ann Fink	Mae Anderson*	Oatmeal Hill	Diane Black
Chester Creek	Hart Haven	Dale Hurst*	Longview	Oregon Creek	Tom Black
Mona Cheslak	Barb Munic*	Hart Haven	Morgan Park	Printha Markert	Don Anderson
Duluth Heights	Hortus	Barb Munic*	Amy Johnson*	Julie Mockler	Tischer Creek
	Bruce Berg*	Mt. Royal	Mt. Royal	Susan Nelson	Tom Kasper*
Ensign	Lake Aire	Joan Scinocca*	Normanna	Park Point	Vermillion
Carolyn Dahl	Yvonne Anderson	Normanna		Nancy Shaw	Wild Ones
Dee Johnson	Lakeview	Northern Lights		Harriet Meagher	
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners	Lake Superior Rose Society	Eleanor Hoffman		Proctor Hilltop	Zenith City Diggers
Karin Cummings		Northland Orchid Society		Betty Morin	Bob Norstrom*
Glensheen Garden Guild				SMDC Wellness	Therese Presley

* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of 03/03/08	Harriet Meagher was inadvertently listed under Morgan Park instead of Park Point and Nancy Shaw, Park Point was not listed.	Dale Hurst made the motion with Barb Munic seconding to approve the 03/03/08 DGFS minutes with the two corrections as presented. Minutes approved. Make corrections to minutes. Post minutes on the Web site.	Julie Mockler Bruce Berg
Treasurer's Report OLD BUSINESS	Report presented covered both February and March. Took in \$396.00 from dues. Spent \$52.98 toward Secret Garden Tour and \$30.96 in Administrative costs (i.e. mailing, stamps). Balance as of 03/31/08 is \$6,705.75. 1. <u>Dues</u> – Any club which has not sent in their dues needs to do so as soon as possible.	Eleanor Hoffman made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Bruce Berg seconded. Treasurer's Report accepted.	

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NEW BUSINESS	<p>1. <u>Bus Trip</u> – There will be a bus trip to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on Tuesday, May 20, 2008. This tour is intended as a fund raiser for the proposed Japanese Garden surrounding the Peace Bell in Enger Park. The Bus will leave at 8:00 a.m. and return at 8:00 p.m. A one hour stop as been allotted to stop at Como Park and to look at the Japanese Garden. There are three 55 passenger buses available. Cost is \$55.00 per person. Arboretum has planted masses of spring bulbs last fall in honor of their 50th anniversary. The Minnesota State Horticulture Society celebrates its' 100th anniversary this year as well. Contact Glenn Peterson at 728-5285 with any questions. Tour does not include lunch. Information will be posted on the DGFS Web page. <i>Registration deadline is May 12.</i></p> <p>2. <u>Spring Seminars</u> – Our Spring Seminars at Chester Bowl seem to be well attended. We have put on two so far. The last one was sponsored by the Oregon Creek Garden Club. There were about 55 in attendance. Seminars start at 7:00 p.m. The next three are as follows:</p> <p><u>04/08/08</u> – Don Keinholz – cut flower & plant orders & care</p> <p><u>04/15/08</u> – Mike Lowe – container gardening & small space gardening</p> <p><u>04/22/08</u> – Ken Hammerlund – landscape design & hardscaping</p> <p>These seminars help promote gardening as well as recruit new members for clubs. Club brochures are handed out as well as the maps which show all our gardens.</p> <p>3. <u>St. Louis County Master Gardeners' Spring Extravaganza</u> – April 19, 2008 at Hermantown High School. Theme is "Growing Green". Event goes from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Post information on the bus trip to the Minnesota Arboretum on the DGFS Web page.</p> <p>Attend any Spring Seminar.</p> <p>Sponsor volunteers:</p> <p>April 8 –</p> <p>April 15 –</p> <p>April 22 –</p> <p>Pre-register as soon as possible for St. Louis County Master Gardeners' Spring Extravaganza.</p>	<p>Bruce Berg</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Tischer Creek</p> <p>SMDC Wellness</p> <p>Lake Aire & Longview</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p>

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NEW BUSINESS, cont.	<p>Cost is \$35.00. Pre-registration is required. Call 733-2870 or download registration form from the DGFS Web site.</p> <p>4. <u>Spring Luncheon</u> – Scheduled for May 3, 2008 at Greysolon Plaza, Moorish Room. The theme is “The Art of Gardening”. Registration forms are available on the Web site. Clubs reminded to bring their door prizes to Dale Hurst. Should be worth between \$10.00 - \$15.00.</p> <p>5. <u>Plant Sale</u> – Will be May 24, 2008. Preparations are being started. Pricing of plants will be left up to each individual club; however, our prices have been extremely low compared to garden centers so we may want to rethink them since we are trying to make money for our clubs.</p> <p>6. <u>Finn Fest</u> – Reminder to plant blue and white flowers in our gardens this year to welcome the Finns. This will be near end of July so look for plants that will come into bloom around that time. Flyer with suggested plants can be downloaded from the DGFS Web site.</p> <p>7. <u>Secret Garden Tour 2008</u> – Next planning meeting will take place Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at Perkins on London Road. Tickets are now ready for sale. Until April 21, these tickets will be exclusively for DGFS members. After April 21, ticket sales will be opened to the public. This is earlier than in past years as we do not want to be caught short (not enough registrations). Cost will be \$33.00. Flyers completed and passed out.</p> <p>8. <u>Flower Bed Contest</u> – Flyers are not available and were passed around. Garden clubs are getting the yellow brochures while garden centers are getting pink. This way it will be known how the connection was made. Everyone encourage to get entrants or to enter. Info will be posted on web.</p>	<p>Register for Spring Luncheon.</p> <p>Bring door prize to Dale Hurst or to Spring Luncheon.</p> <p>Start planning for annual Plant sale at the Rose Garden parking lot.</p> <p>Plant blue and white flowers in your garden this year to welcome the Finns.</p> <p>Download registration form from Web site for Secret Garden Tour and send in by April 21.</p> <p>Encourage club members, friends and neighbors, or anyone having a nice garden to enter Flower Bed Contest.</p> <p>Post flyer on Web site.</p>	<p>Any interested DGFS member All DGFS Clubs</p> <p>All interested DGFS Clubs</p> <p>All DGFS members</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>All DGFS members</p> <p>Bruce Berg</p>

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NEW BUSINESS, cont.	<p>9. <u>Flower Show</u> – July 26, 2008 at the Depot. This is our 81st Annual Flower Show. Booklets are ready. They will be handed out at the Spring Luncheon. The video on “how to” arrange an artistic display as well as a specimen will be ready shortly. DGFS will be getting three or four copies that can be signed out to clubs for viewing. We currently have about 30-31 garden clubs. We need more participants in the Flower Show as it promotes gardening.</p> <p>Discussed possibility of making more copies (a copy for each club) and having the clubs pay for them with the profits being donated to the Japanese Garden. Might be a problem because we were charged minimally for using the P.A.C.T. studios because we are a non-profit. May not be feasible if we turn this DVD into a profit-making venture.</p> <p>10. <u>Great Gardening</u> – Series has begun again on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. on PBS (Channel 8). It is re-broadcast on Saturday nights at 5:00 p.m. Will continue for nine (9) more weeks.</p> <p>11. <u>Tomato Express Nettleton School</u> – Park Point is interested in sponsoring this event again this year. Can start making arrangements.</p> <p>12. <u>Harvest Festivals in area schools</u> – We have coordinated Harvest Festivals in six or seven local schools where between 700-800 students have participated. We would like to expand this year. Flyers for schools being considered need to be developed. DGFS will cover printing costs. They need to be done soon so that they can be sent to the schools and to parents.</p>	<p>Mark calendars and begin thinking about showing a specimen or doing an arrangement for the Flower Show at the end of July.</p> <p>Watch Great Gardening show on Thursday or Saturday nights.</p> <p>Contact Nettleton School and begin preparations for Tomato Express.</p> <p>Consider sponsoring a school for a Harvest Festival. Start to make arrangements with school. Produce and provide flyer to school for distribution.</p>	<p>All DGFS members</p> <p>All interested DGFS members</p> <p>Park Point Garden Club</p> <p>Any interested DGFS club</p>
OTHER	<p>1. <u>Bus tour sponsored by Park Point Garden Club</u> – May 22, 2008. Going to three nurseries in the Twin Cities: Bachman's, Gerten's and Highland Park Nursery Center. Buses will be leaving from Playfront Park parking lot. Cost is \$26.00. Leaves at 8:00 a.m. Returning at 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Post Park Point bus trip flyer on the Web.</p> <p>Download flyer and send in</p>	<p>Bruce Berg</p>

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OTHER, cont.	<p>Reservations due by Friday, May 9, 2008. Flyer to be posted on the Web. Site.</p> <p>2. <u>Righting of the roses</u> – The roses at the Rose Garden will be tipped up on April 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Bring tools and gloves.</p> <p>3. <u>Heritage Garden Clean Up</u> – Scheduled for May 10, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Could use more help than in that past. The more there are, the sooner it will get done.</p> <p>4. <u>Tour Des Fleurs</u> – This is actually three tours sponsored by Bayfront Visions and DGFS on May 31, 2008. One tour will highlight centers in Wisconsin. Another will be in the hillside area of Duluth, and the last tour will be garden centers just north of Duluth. Cost is \$30.00 until May 20. After that time, the cost will go up to \$35.00 each. Contact Dale Hurst @ 218-525-1717 with any questions. Information will be posted on our Web site. Proceeds from this tour will be donated to the proposed new conservatory at Bay Front.</p> <p>5. <u>Bay Front Visions</u> – New Executive Director at the Aquarium is looking into the feasibility of connecting a conservatory to the aquarium.</p> <p>6. <u>Historian</u> – Current historian, Betty Morin, requested to be replaced. Has been Historian for three years. Getting too busy to attend events, etc. Volunteer requested to take this on.</p> <p>7. <u>New Chester Creek Club</u> – Will be holding their next meeting this Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at Grant Rec. Center. They plan to start a plot on the west side of Chester Creek at the dead end of 6th Street.</p> <p>8. <u>DGFS Directories</u> – Directories were emailed to Club Presidents in January by Treasurer. Many were unaware</p>	<p>registration.</p> <p>Bring appropriate tools and gloves to help tip the roses back up at the Rose Garden.</p> <p>Come help with clean up of the Heritage Garden on 05/10/08. Bring appropriate tools.</p> <p>Post Tour Des Fleurs flyers on the Web.</p> <p>Send in registration by May 20, 2008 if interested in attending Tour Des Fleurs.</p> <p>Keep up historical books for DGFS.</p> <p>Attend meeting of new Chester Creek Garden Club.</p>	<p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>As many DGFS members as possible</p> <p>Bruce Berg</p> <p>Any DGFS member</p> <p>Amy Johnson</p> <p>Any interested gardener</p>

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OTHER, cont.	<p>that this had been done. Vice President will be taking over the membership part of the duties. Information to be passed along to her soon.</p> <p>9. <u>Audit</u> – 2007 Treasurer books need to be audited. Volunteer requested to review.</p>	<p>Contact Cheryl Lind if your club needs either a new email copy or a hard copy.</p> <p>Review Treasury books and report back in May.</p>	<p>DGFS Clubs needing a directory</p> <p>John Greenham</p>
<p>Next meeting: Monday, May 5, 2008 @ 515 p.m. @ Parks office building (12 E. 4th St.)</p>			