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| Bookworms Judy Goar | Hart Haven Joanne Marinac | Lake Superior Master Gardeners | Norton Park | Tischer Creek Tom Kasper |
| Chester Creek James Gittemeier Sheryl Lind | Hortus Bruce Berg | Longview | Oregon Creek Julie Mockler | Upper Cody Community Garden |
| Duluth Heights Reggie Phillipos | Lake Aire | Mt. Royal Joan Scinocca* | Park Point Diane Gould | Vermillion |
| Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners | Lakeview | Normanna Lone Cooke* Eileen Asperheim | Proctor Hilltop | Wild Ones Carol Andrews Zenith City Diggers Therese Presley |
| Gitche Gummee Bob Norstrom* | Lake Superior Rose Society Margaret J. Anderson | Northern Lights | SMDC Wellness | * Indicates affiliation with more than one club |
| | | Northland Orchid Society | Smithville | |

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| Review minutes of 07/06/09 | No corrections or additions noted. | <i>Sheryl Lind made the motion to accept the 07/06/09 minutes as presented. Diane Gould seconded. Minutes approved.</i> | |
| Treasurer's Report | Beginning balance as of 06/19/09 was \$11,184.09. Ending balance is \$8,915.58. We generated about \$3,152.53 from the Secret Garden Tour. (\$6,408 - \$3,253 = \$3,152.53) Expenses for the Flower Show came to about \$854.00. | <i>Bob Nortstrom made the motion with Diane Gould seconding to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Report approved.</i> | |
| OLD BUSINESS | 1. <u>Secret Garden Tour</u> – As previously mentioned, a profit of \$3,152.55 was made. The profit was probably made because we made the switch of adding self-guided trouble tickets. 111 bus tickets were sold while 148 self guided tour tickets were sold. Had lots of walk ups looking for tickets on the day of the tour. We probably need to be more definitive, for the self guided tour, about times available to pick up tickets. Also, we had more gardens this year than we usually do. We have already been approached by people wishing to be on the tour for next | | |

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| <p>OLD BUSINESS, cont.</p> | <p>year. Are going to try to incorporate ride share in ticket sales for next year. (Having discounts for those ride sharing.) Discussed whether or not we should move the tour back to the third Saturday in July next year. Most were in agreement to this. Tour date for 2010 will be July 17th.</p> <p>2. <u>Western Garden Tour</u> – About 150 people went on this tour. Those who participated thought it was very nice. It was also self guided. A small breakfast was included in the ticket price.</p> <p>3. <u>Lake Superior Rose Society Flower Show</u> – This was held on the same day as the Secret Garden Tour. They had about 18 exhibitors and about 10 arrangements shown. People came from as far away as Hayward, Wisconsin. They also had a visit from a bus from Washington County. Although encouraged to be a part of DGFS Flower show, the Rose Society felt that they lost part of their identity when they joined DGFS.</p> <p>4. <u>DGFS Flower Show</u> – Was held on Friday, July 24th this year. There were about 42 exhibitors, which is about the same as last year. The oldest exhibitor was 92 while the youngest was nine. 18 clubs were represented. We didn't rent tables this year. This saved us about \$140.00. Perhaps, if the Bonsai guy wants to participate again, he could be asked to present a program at a specific time. Request was made again for someone else to step up and chair for next year.</p> <p>Discussed the space available for showing arrangement and how this could be done more effectively. Rose Society uses niches as backdrops when they show. Perhaps the Society could borrow those from the Rose Society for our show as well. Also held much discussion on the individual entry tags and trying to keep the identify of each exhibitor anonymous while they are being judged</p> | <p>Consider taking over the chairpersonship of the Flower Show.</p> | <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> |

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| OLD BUSINESS, cont. | <p>Another suggestion made was that we pay for ad space in the news paper as they do not seem to put things in or respond back when contacted. We will continue to recycle the award ribbons. It was noted that the number of junior gardeners was down this year. Not sure why.</p> <p>5. <u>Gardens on Display</u> – There were over 30 entries this year. Books Worms is stepping down from organizing this and a volunteer club to take over is being requested.</p> | <p>Turn award ribbons back in at a future meeting as a recycling effort.</p> <p>Consider chairing the Gardens on Display contest for next year.</p> | <p>Any award recipient</p> <p>Any interested DGFS Club</p> |
| NEW BUSINESS | <p>1. <u>Wild Ones</u> – Doing their first outreach festival. August 22 at Hartley Nature Center. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Having activities for kids. Two local sellers will be selling native plants. Cost for program and tour of native gardens at Hartley is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children.</p> <p>2. <u>Heritage Garden Maintenance</u> – There are lots of weeds to pull. Recent rain has brought them out. Work days are every Tuesday and Wednesday in August from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00.</p> <p>3. <u>Volunteer Gardening Opportunities</u> – Reminder was given that anyone can help work at our two premiere gardens - at the Rose Garden on Tuesdays and at Enger Park on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>4. <u>Lake Superior Rose Society Fall program</u> – A program will be presented on “Virginia Clement’s Rose Garden” on September 16, 1009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel. Free of charge.</p> <p>5. <u>Fall Plant Sale</u> – This was suggested in the spring. Could be held at the Rose Garden parking lot as well. Someone is needed to chair. Will need to do this quickly if we are going to have it.</p> <p>6. <u>Christmas Dinner</u> – Discussed whether or not a club has taken on the organizing of this event. Discussed venue. <u>Northland or Kitchi Gammi or other place. We need to</u></p> | <p>Attend outreach festival at Hartley Nature Center sponsored by Wild Ones.</p> <p>Help with weeding at the Heritage Garden plot on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in August.</p> <p>Held out at either the Rose Garden or Enger Park.</p> <p>Consider attending the Lake Superior Rose Society Fall program on 09/16/09 at the Radisson.</p> <p>Consider chairing (organizing) a fall plant sale for DGFS.</p> | <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> |

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| NEW BUSINESS, cont. | Book a place now as most fill up. About 70 attended last year. Some felt that the \$35.00 price was prohibitive to many, especially in this economy. | Look around and book venue for Christmas Dinner. | Tom Kasper |
| OTHER | 1. <u>Chester Creek Garden House</u> – Building has been cleaned and will be painted by volunteers of Friends of the Parks. (Maybe August 17 th) City Council has worked out a lease agreement with Friends of the Parks for the next three years. Suggestion was made that the next DGFS meeting be held at this site. | | |
| Next meeting: ***Monday, September 14, 2009 @ 5:15 p.m. @ Chester Creek Garden House (15 th Ave. E. & 5 th St.)*** | | | |
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