

Bookworms Sara Fitzgerald	Hart Haven Jaonne Mrainac	Morgan Park	Oatmeal Hill	Smithville
Chester Creek Sheryl Lind James Gittermeier	Barb Munic Hortus	Mt. Royal Joan Scinocca*	Oregon Creek Printha Markert Julie Mockler	Tischer Creek Tom Kasper*
Duluth Heights	Lake Aire	Normanna	Park Point	Vermillion
Ensign	Lakeview			Wild Ones
Fredenberg Town Hall Gardeners	Lake Superior Rose Society	Northern Lights	Proctor Hilltop	Zenith City Diggers Bob Norstrom*
Glensheen Garden Guild		Northland Orchid Society	SMDC Wellness	Therese Presley
Gitche Gumme Ann Fink	Lake Superior Master Gardeners Longview	Norton Park Susan White		* Indicates affiliation with more than one club

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Review minutes of 11/03/08	No corrections or additions noted by those present.	<i>Sheryl Lind made the motion with Barb Munic seconding to accept the 11/03/08 minutes as presented. Minutes approved.</i>	
Treasurer's Report	No real activity for November. Received dues from four clubs (\$470.00). Balance as of 12/01/08 is \$4,256.15.	<i>Sheryl Lind made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. James Gittermeier seconded. Treasurer's Report accepted.</i>	
OLD BUSINESS	1. <u>Grant application</u> – Our request for a grant of \$1,500 from the Duluth Superior Community Foundation was not accepted. When we made our request they did not have very many requests. However, they were since inundated. We will continue to look for other funding. Any suggestions should be forwarded to President for consideration.	Let Tom Kasper know of any possible grant possibilities.	Any DGFS member

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OLD BUSINESS, cont.	<p>2. <u>Seminars</u></p> <p>a. <u>Chelsea Flower Show Seminar</u> – Kay Coventry gave the presentation of her trip to the Chelsea Flower Show. There were about a dozen people there. Was enjoyable. The most amazing thing about this is that Kay just recently celebrated her 96th birthday.</p> <p>b. <u>Hardy Shrub Rose Seminar</u> – Unfortunately, this seminar was on the same night as the Chelsea Flower Show seminar. Between 30 to 40 people were in attendance. Speaker was Sam Kedem from Town and Country Roses.</p>		
NEW BUSINESS	<p>1. <u>DGFS Christmas Dinner</u> – Have only about 35 signed up to date. Flyers were sent to all club presidents. Encourage members from clubs to participate. Still time to send in. Deadline extended to December 12. Have had very good responses from businesses. Most donations have been in the \$25.00 range. Each club is to bring a wrapped poinsettia or amaryllis as a door prize /center piece. Also, each person is encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy for donation to a local charity.</p> <p>2. <u>Spring Seminars</u> – Planning Committee will meet directly after the January 5 DGFS meeting to put schedule together. Discussion ensued on whether or not admission should be charged. 60% of attendees are not Society members. Good place to recruit. There is an assumed value if an admission fee is charged. Suggestion made was \$3.00 for DGFS members and \$5.00 for non-members. We have about 10 different topics to choose from so far.</p> <p>A velcro presentation board was rescued from the trash by one of our members that we could use for display at our various recruitment events.</p> <p>3. <u>2009 dues</u> – Dues have been raised from \$3.00 per person to \$5.00 per person. Clubs reminded to get their dues and rosters in to Treasurer as soon as possible</p>	<p>Encourage members to sign up for the DGFS Christmas Dinner.</p> <p>Send in reservation for DGFS Christmas Dinner to Susan White of the Norton Park Garden Club.</p> <p>Send in 2009 dues and rosters by Ann Fink by mid-January.</p>	<p>All Club Presidents</p> <p>Any interested DGFS member</p> <p>All DGFS Club Treasurers</p>

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NEW BUSINESS, cont.	<p>4. <u>Plant Sale 2009</u> – Discussed whether or not to keep the same date for the annual plant sale. Sale is usually the Saturday before Memorial Day. Potential date is May 23rd. Discussed possible change to May 30. Concern is that people generally know our sale is Memorial Day weekend. Suggestion was made that perhaps we utilize both days.</p> <p>5. <u>Spring Luncheon 2009</u> – Nothing to report at this meeting. More information to follow in January.</p> <p>6. <u>Secret Garden Tour 2009</u> – Changes to be offered this year.</p> <p>a. Gold standard – Tour on bus with lunch included as we have done in the past.</p> <p>b. Self-guided Tours – Maps are purchased by potential attendee. Refreshments available at the individual gardens.</p> <p>Biggest concern with the Self-Guided Tours is the influx of cars in the neighborhoods. More discussion to follow at upcoming meetings.</p> <p>7. <u>Flower Show 2009</u> – Judy Goar has consented to be Flower Show Chair again this year. Show scheduled for the 4th Saturday in July (July 25)</p> <p>8. <u>New Officers</u> – Volunteers have been requested to take over for current officers. Suggestion was made the person stepping into the Treasurer position be familiar with Excel. Further discussion to ensue in January.</p>	<p>Present info regarding the spring Luncheon at the January DGFS meeting.</p> <p>Consider becoming a DGFS Officer.</p>	<p>Sheryl Lind</p> <p>All DGFS members</p>
Other	<p>1. <u>Recycled flower pots reclaimed</u> – Between 500 - 800 ½ gallon and one gallon size pots were reclaimed from the recycling center. Could be used by members when digging up plants for the plant sale.</p> <p>2. <u>Tour des Fleurs</u> – In planning stages. Will have buses going to Range, in town, and Northern Wisconsin. Biggest change is to originate one bus from the Range as many drive in and are bussed back up.</p>	<p>Contact Amy Johnson if pots are needed for plant sale, etc.</p>	<p>Any DGFS member</p>

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Next meeting: Monday, January 5, 2009 @ 5:15 p.m. @ Parks office building (12 E. 4th St.)			

