

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting January 5, 2017 Submitted by Cynthia Bock, Secretary

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. & reviewed the emergency exits and emergency procedures. He thanked Corrie and Mary Jo and all those who made and brought in cookies and such. Dick mentioned that we had a wonderful holiday party and he thanked Lanelle and her crew for all the hard work in coordinating it. Dick announced that our 2017 Show is on Feb 25 & 26 at the Naples Botanical Gardens. Volunteers are needed on Wed to help with setup. Thurs is the day to bring in plants, AOS judging is on Fri and then open to the public on Sat & Sun. Entrance to the gardens is \$14.95 unless you are a member of the garden or NOS. Then it is free! So pay your dues and get your membership card! Dick announced that Culture Class starts in January (14th to Feb 18th) held at Naples Botanical Gardens in the Windstar room. He announced that the next Board of Directors meeting and Show meeting will be Thurs Jan 26 at the Stabile Bldg. He then announced the Plant Table Awards for 2016: 1st place - Eunice Walker - 90 points 2nd place - Karen Davenport - 88 points 3rd place - David Genovese - 63 points 4th place - Jim Longwell - 43 points 5th place - Barbara Crist 6th place - Gail Dorio Our February meeting will be a presentation by member David Genovese about growing Vandas. Rack cards for the show are now available at the membership table. Dick announced that the show theme is "Orchids in the Garden" suggested by Bill Overton. Membership chair Veronica Catrombon announced that we have 226 members and 153 Facebook likes on Facebook! Please like and share our posts. Lanelle Bishop reported that the bus trip to Tamiami is filled. Kris Morton announced that we need show volunteers. Host and hostess shifts last 2 hours, and we especially need setup volunteers for Wednesday. David Orr will be here next month with sign-up sheets for exhibitors. Dick introduced our speaker, Jose Esposito, of Soroa Orchids, Homestead, FL. He presented on "Orchids - A Survival Guide." Plant Table winners were announced and Raffle winners were drawn.