

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting February 2, 2017 Submitted by Cynthia Bock, Secretary

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He reviewed the emergency exits and procedures and thanked Mary Jo Shively and all those who brought in the tempting goodies. Dick announced that Jade Orchids is having a sale on all orchids that are in bud or bloom for 20% off now through Feb. 14. He reminded everyone that the 2017 Show and Sale 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 for registration. AOS judging is on Friday 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! Show theme is "Orchids in the Garden." Copies of guidelines for all exhibitors and volunteers were distributed. Dick mentioned sponsors for the show. Nancy Smythe and Frank Ginocchio have been soliciting sponsors and have exceeded their goal. Dick read the list of sponsors. He said that the Culture Class is going well at Naples Botanical Gardens in the Windstar room. Dick announced that the next Board of Directors meeting will be the last Thurs. of March. Our March meeting will be Mark Budree, speaking on Phalaenopsis. Nanett Boerner, Treasurer, reported that we ended 2016 at a slight deficit. Membership chair Veronica Catrombon announced that we have 243 members. Kris Morton announced that we need show volunteers. Shifts last 2 hours. David Orr announced the sign up sheets for exhibitors, and there is moss available. Kit Kitchen-Maran reported that she has received nice comments on the Cuba trip. There will be a 20th Anniversary celebration of the Friends of the Florida Panther at the Conservancy Feb. 22 at 5:30pm, featuring Larry Richardson. Please go to Friends of Panther website to get tickets. Dick introduced our speaker, NOS member & award winning grower, David Genovese, who presented "How to Grow Vandas." Plant Table winners were announced and Raffle winners were drawn.