

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting August 4, 2016 Submitted by Cynthia Bock, Secretary

President Dick Phippen called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

He reviewed the emergency exits and procedures.

Dick announced and thanked the refreshment organizers, Mary Jo Shively and all those who brought in the tempting goodies.

He said that we still have a number of books of Martin Motes Month-by-Month Guide to growing orchids for sale for \$15.

Membership chair Veronica Catrombon was absent but Dick announced that we have 210 members. Please pick up your new Membership Directory.

Treasurer Nanett Boerner announced that we have \$6,100 in the bank, small surplus.

Kit Kitchen Maran announced that we have received a letter of thanks from IL College for our support of Dr. Mujica's and the intern's work in identifying ghost orchids in the wild in the

Panther Refuge. Their work has produced a bumper crop of blooming ghost orchids. Kit also updated us on the "Orchidgami" which is being printed and supported by NOS and the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society. Students who have been working on the orchid garden at the Collier County Museum have put in many orchids and the garden is looking better.

Norm Dolder announced that Pottery Barn in Bonita has 40% off clay pots.

Mary Jo sent around a sign-up sheet for more refreshments.

David Orr introduced our speaker, Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids, who spoke on Cattleya breeding.

Plant Table winners were announced and raffle winner tickets were drawn.