

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting November 3, 2016 Submitted by Veronica Catrombon, substituting for Cynthia Bock, Secretary Attendance: 72

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm and reviewed the emergency exits and emergency procedures. He thanked the refreshment organizer, Mary Jo Shively, and all those who contributed to the table this month. Culture Class will be held on 6 consecutive Saturdays, beginning on 14 January 2017. This is an excellent course for all levels of orchid hobbyists. Applications were available at the front of the room. Dr. Motes' book about growing orchids in Florida was available for \$15.00. Additional copies will be available at the next meeting. Dick requested theme ideas for our upcoming 2017 Show. \$50.00 will be awarded to the winning theme "suggestor." December's meeting will be our Annual Holiday Party on 1 December 2016, promptly at 6:00PM. Lanelle Bishop, Second VP, informed us that the event will be held at Moss Hall at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Broward Orchid Supply preorder list was available. Canned goods for donation to Collier Harvest will be collected. This is a potluck party, and NOS will provide the meat entrees. Nonalcoholic drinks, desserts, sides are all welcome. Leftover food will be donated to St. Matthew's. Veronica Catrombon, Membership Chair, announced that we now have 221 members, including three new members, Mary Lou McGowan McBride, Gloria Restrepo, and Peter Moriarity. There were 8 guests at the meeting. Our Facebook page has 130 likes. Veronica reminded all that by Liking our Page and sharing an NOS Facebook post helps advertise our events and Society. (Post meeting note: An additional 10 Facebook Page Likes were made, bringing our total to 140, and our latest post regarding our upcoming sale reached 1242 people.)

Sheila Demkovich, Director-Two year and Chair of the Nominating Committee presented for vote the slate of Board of Directors. Ralph Brand Motioned to accept, Alice Thorne seconded. The Membership voted unanimously to accept the Slate for 2017:

2017 Board of Directors: President – Dick Pippen 1st Vice President for Programs – David Orr  
2nd Vice President—Lanelle Bishop Treasurer – Nanett Boerner Secretary – Cynthia Bock  
Newsletter Editor – Kris Morton

Membership Chair – Veronica Catrombon Publicity Chair – Jim Rawson Director—3 years – Mary Jo Shively  
Director 2 years – Sheila Demkovich Director 1 year – Carolyn Booker AOS Representative – Bill Overton  
Webmaster – Sue Roehl

Sheila reminded us that the upcoming Sale is a major Fundraiser for our Society, and to consider helping out by choosing a task on the sign up boards. If that is not possible, then come and buy some orchids! Lanelle Bishop, Second Vice President – Bus trip to Tamiami International Orchid Festival, 10901 SW 24th St Miami, at the Miami Dade Fairgrounds, scheduled for January 14, 2017 is full with 25 signups. However - email Lanelle for waiting list. David Orr, First Vice President introduced speaker Jerry Meola from Pelican Coast Farms. He will be at Tamiami International Orchid Festival and Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Show January 20-22, 2017. The moth video, as well as orchid tutorials, can be accessed on his website [www.OrchidsAmore.com](http://www.OrchidsAmore.com). Jerry discussed the benefits of Worm Tea as well as other amendments. He passed around an email sign up list for informational and event news from Pelican Coast Farms. Plant Table winners were announced and awarded. Raffle tickets were drawn.