

*Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
11 April 2019*

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Bock

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Dick reviewed the emergency procedures and thanked the refreshment providers. President Dick Phippen reported that meeting in July will also be the second Thursday. Dick mentioned that Orchid Wiz is offering a bargain on their software for new customers, 30% off.

Last week Dick spoke to the Marco Island Women's Club, over 100 ladies. Dick presented all about orchids in 25 minutes (ha ha!). They provided a \$100 honorarium to our scholarship fund.

Veronica Catrombon, Membership Chair, reported that we have 175 members and 26 new members for 2019. She reminded us that all newsletters are on the website. And on the show page are all our photos.

VP Lanelle Bishop reported that there is a bus trip to Redlands on May 18th. Details in newsletter. It is almost full, so sign up soon.

Treasurer Sheila Demkovich reported that balance in money market \$23,590 and in checking \$16,090. Sponsorships of the show almost covered the expenses of the show, so support our sponsors. Scholarship checks went out today.

We are giving \$1000 scholarships to 3 students: Michael Larusso, to monitor existing ghost orchids in FL Panther Wildlife Preserve, Jackie Lou, to study those orchids in FL Panther Wildlife Preserve, and Taylor Sorrel, to work on the BioWall, an indoor plant structure to improve air quality inside. They will be here in July and present at our meeting about their projects.

VP David Orr introduced our speaker. The speaker tonight was Brian Galligan, VP of Horticulture at Naples Botanical Garden, who spoke about Growing Orchids Well and with a Purpose.

Plant table winners were announced.

Raffle winners were selected.

Next meeting is on May 2nd.