BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2025
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center

President Richard Davenport called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance were Richard Davenport, Rae Jean Walker, Marie Harris, Carolyn Booker, Linda Van Blerkom, Terre Moore, Sue Roehl and Valerie Rooney.

1. Minutes from the July 8, 2025, Board meeting were reviewed. Rae Jean Walker moved to approve the Minutes, Carolyn Booker seconded, and the motion passed.
2. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Steve Plumer was absent so there was no report. However, it was noted that the current information would be close to what it had been the previous month.
3. Membership: Membership Co-Chair Arlene Cluff reported the current membership is 310 members.
4. Programs: Vice President of Programs Marie Harris reported that she is working on securing Art Chadwick of Chadwick and Sons Orchids in Virginia for the November 2026 meeting as our Featured Speaker. Marie is working to secure another Orchid Society to share travel expenses.
5. 2026 Orchid Show: Show Chair Marie Harris provided an update. Our Show dates have been approved by the AOS, Dorothy Bennett will again be our head judge, and our 4 primary judges and the photographer have been confirmed. The Show banner and postcard design have been ordered from Brian Christopher. Past vendor, Bactra, will not be returning in 2026, so NOS will be considering another vendor. Sundance Bromeliads and Orchids was discussed as a possible vendor.
6. Soroa/Motes Bus Trip: Vice President of Activities Terre Moore reported that she has already received some reservations for the trip and she will announce and receive new reservations at the upcoming monthly meeting on August 7, 2025. The maximum attendance will be 50.
7. Facebook: Since Karen Davenport was absent, Richard Davenport reported that our Facebook followers are up to 1978 and that 73% are women and 27% men. We are seeing an increase in followers, interactions and comments.
8. Publicity Chair Valerie Rooney reported that the bookmarks and business card designs have been ordered from Brian Christopher, but the Show materials will be completed first. Val also pointed out that the Botanical Garden magazine, Cultivate, did not mention the 2026 Orchid Show. Marie Harris will follow up with the Garden.
9. Website Update: There was a general discussion about the need to update the website. All agreed that the first page needs to have more pertinent information about Programs, the Show and the Culture Classes. The monthly meeting plant award links will be removed and only the most current will remain. All previous links will be in a different location on the website. All Board members were asked to look at the St. Augustine and Ft. Lauderdale Society websites as examples for improvement.
10. Culture Class Update: Richard Davenport and Terre Moore will meet with Forest Glen General Manager Tim Kragh or his designee to finalize schedules and details for the 2026 Culture Class series.
11. The next Board meeting will be September 2, 2025, at the Forst Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
12. Richard Davenport moved to adjourn the meeting, Terre Moore seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Harris for Karen Davenport, Secretary