BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 11, 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 Bob Castonguay, Stu Rubin, Richard Davenport, Marie Harris, Debbie Goldman, Jim Rawson, Linda Van Blerkom, Steve Plumer, Arlene Cluff, Sue Roehl, and Karen Davenport.

1. The Minutes from January 14, 2025 were reviewed. Marie Harris moved to approve the Minutes, Sue Roehl seconded and the motion passed.
2. Treasurer Steve Plumer advised the Board that there is $16,153.16 in the Money Market Account and checking account combined and $33,248.78 in CD's. Steve presented a possible Chart of Accounts NOS could use for our future accounting system. After reviewing the document, the Board agreed to use this new Chart of Accounts.
3. Membership Co-chair Debbie Goldman advised the Board that there are currently 190 paid members for 2025 and 85 members who have not yet renewed. She and Arlene will work together to contact these members.
4. 2025 Programs: Vice President of Programs Marie Harris discussed the Programs that have been scheduled and advised the Board that she is still working to finalize dates for a couple of speakers. Marie has also been working on the 2026 Program schedule.
5. President Richard Davenport advised the Board that he has been updating the PowerPoint Culture Class Presentation as well as the Handbook. There are many discrepancies with the new name changes which require review of information in Orchid Wiz. There were discussions about including a printed Handbook with the Culture Class Program or just a flash drive. The consensus is that the participants would probably prefer a printed handbook.
6. Education Director Linda Van Blerkom discussed the "Education Corner" in our Newsletter and her plans to always provide the latest and most important orchid related information. This month she will be providing information regarding a presentation that Rae Jean Walker made in a Naples community. She will also include a reminder that we are currently receiving applications for our Dr. Richard Pippen Culture Class Series which has limited availability.
7. The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center.
8. Sue Roehl moved to adjourn the meeting, Marie Harris seconded and the motion passed.

SHOW COMMITTEE MINUTES

Show Chair Jim Rawson called the meeting order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Arlene Cluff discussed volunteer needs for the Show.
2. Stu Rubin reviewed our current sponsors and advised the Board that we had just received a check for $1,000.00 from Sundance Orchids, making them another Diamond Sponsor.
3. Jim Rawson discussed a change in awards for the Show vendors. In the past, the winning Vendor Exhibits were awarded crystal trophies. There were discussions about awarding the vendor exhibit winners a certificate and money. Karen Davenport moved to award the First Place Vendor Exhibit winner $300.00, the second place $200.00 and third place $100.00. Debbie Goldman seconded, and the motion passed. Bob Castonguay will design the certificate that will be given along with the check.
4. Jim advised the Board that he will give Bob Castonguay information for an Eblast to go out this week including information about entrance into the Show at the Garden, a reminder for volunteers to check their schedules, and a request for food donations.

5. Marie Harris discussed her food plan for the Show and provided a printout of the daily needs, including coordination with Fogg Café for beverages.
6. Jim Rawson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary