BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 8, 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, Karen Davenport, Rae Jean Walker, Marie Harris, Kris Morton, Carolyn Booker, Linda Van Blerkom, Sue Roehl, Valerie Rooney, Steve Plumer, and Bob Castonguay.

1. Minutes from the June 3, 2025 Board meeting were reviewed. Sue Roehl moved to approve the Minutes, Val Rooney seconded and the motion passed.
2. Treasurer Steve Plumer advised there is $3,450.89 in the NOS checking account and $53,189.15 in combined savings and CD's.
3. Membership: VP Marie Harris advised there are 303 members.
4. Vice President Marie Harris reminded the Board that Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids would be our Featured Speaker on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, a change from our usual Thursday meeting. This change will be reflected on the Website and in our Newsletters.
5. Show Theme: Marie Harris passed out a list of the top member suggestions for our 2026 Show Theme. After some discussion, each Board member was asked to vote for their top three picks. The winner is Orchid Rodeo, which was a suggestion from member, Twyla Leigh. She will receive $50.00!
6. Soroa Field Trip: Marie Harris, with input from VP Terre Moore (who was unable to attend the Board meeting), advised the Board that reservations/purchase of tickets for the field trip will begin at the August meeting and that it will be a first come first serve trip since there is limited seating on the bus. There will be an announcement to this effect in the Newsletter.
7. Facebook: Karen Davenport discussed the NOS Facebook page, how articles and pictures are submitted, what types of topics should be included, and who our audience might be. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that postings should continue with reminders at monthly meetings and in the Newsletter about viewing our Facebook page.
8. NOS Bookmarks and Business Cards: Publicity Chair Val Rooney discussed these two items and passed around samples showing what information we might want to include. The Board decided to print very basic business cards that could be handed out when any NOS members might be speaking with vendors, at community outreach events, etc. The Bookmark would include more information and various sizes were discussed. Val will contact our graphic designer Brian Christopher to finalize.
9. Website Update: Rae Jean Walker asked if everyone on the Board could review the website for mistakes or omissions, as she will be doing a PowerPoint presentation at the August 7 member meeting. Rae Jean will be showing members how to navigate the information at their fingertips for "anything orchid" by showing how to use the "Drop Down" menu. The topic for this presentation is "I Bought This Orchid So Now What Do I Do?" It's a great time to help new members understand how valuable our website is.
10. Crowd Control Certificate: President Richard Davenport advised the Board that he had recently received an email from Moorings Presbyterian Church advising him that we needed members in attendance at our monthly meetings who had this certification. With direction from the Collier County Fire Department, we were given a link for an online Crowd Control course. Once the course is completed, certificates are issued. Richard Davenport, Karen Davenport, Stu Rubin and Marie Harris have completed the course.
11. Culture Class Update: Richard Davenport has been in communication with Tim Kragh, General Manager, at Forest Glen Golf and Country Club, regarding the use of their conference room for our 2026 Culture Classes. Tim will be emailing the appropriate Forest Glen personnel regarding our request and will advise Richard once he has confirmation.
12. Richard also discussed the need for re-organizing the 2026 Culture Class Program which will include updates to the Handbook and classes. VP Terre Moore will be our Chair but was unable to attend this meeting. She will be coordinating with Richard. In the meantime, four Board members have agreed to begin editing the Handbook. This committee includes Carolyn Booker, Linda Van Blerkom, Marie

Harris and Bob Castonguay. Richard will ensure each of the committee members receives the latest Handbook. Richard and Terre will also be reviewing the Handbook and organizing speakers for the six classes.

13. Rae Jean Walker advised the Board that she had received an email from the Redland Show organizers offering a 40% discount on tickets.
14. The next Board meeting will be August 5, 2025, at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
15. Rae Jean Walker moved to adjourn the meeting, Bob Castonguay seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary