BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2024
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, Stu Rubin, Sue Roehl, Carolyn Booker, Linda Van Blerkom, Karen Davenport, Debbie Goldman, Marie Harris, Kris Morton, Rae Jean Walker, Stephen Plumer, Terre Morre, and Arlene Cluff.

1. The Minutes of the October 22, 2024, Board Meeting were reviewed. Kris Morton moved to approve them, Carolyn Booker seconded and the motion was passed.
2. Treasurer Steve Plumer advised that we have $14,499.52 in the NOS checking account and $37,308.29 in CD's.
3. Membership:
   a. Marie Harris suggested, that in an effort to shorten our monthly meetings, there would be no Officer reports. The Board was in agreement.
   b. There are 274 members and Marie gave a breakdown of new memberships and renewals.
   c. Marie moved that we once again participate in the UF/IFAS Master Gardener Yard and Garden Show in 2025. Rae Jean Walker seconded and the motion passed.
   d. Marie discussed the membership cards that all members have received in the past. She moved to discontinue using the cards, Karen Davenport seconded, and the motion passed.
   e. Marie reported that the use of PayPal on the website continues to be problematic. She, Steve Plumer, and David Orr will work to resolve the issues.
   f. Richard Davenport discussed the increased costs to NOS for each membership, which includes three free plants a year for each member, increased Guest Speaker costs, cost of the monthly meeting venue, insurance coverage, and other costs to the organization. He proposed the following new membership fees effective January 1, 2025 :
      Individual Membership: $45.00
      Joint Membership: $70.00
      Student Membership (21 and under): Free. This is a new program in response to AOS urging.
      Supporter Membership: $100.00 (includes two free memberships)
      Patron Membership: $200.00 (includes two free memberships)
      Benefactor Membership: $300.00 (includes two free memberships)
      Sponsor Membership: $500.00 (includes two free memberships)
      The proposed revised membership fees were passed with two abstentions.
4. Richard Davenport called Dick Pippen on speaker phone so the Board could announce they unanimously voted to rename our annual orchid culture class series "The Dr. Richard Pippen Culture Class Series, Orchid University 101" as a tribute to him.
5. Vice President Terre Moore reminded the Board that we had voted not to organize a bus to the Tamiami Orchid Show. However, she recommended we provide information to members on how to "navigate the Show." Several Board members offered to share advice with Terre.
6. Terre also reported that she and Jim Rawson have been working with 808 Orchids to place the order for holiday plants to be given to all members at the Holiday party on December 5, 2024. The Board agreed she should order 144 plants.
7. Carolyn Booker reported the progress on Holiday Party planning with Lanelle Bishop. Many members have volunteered to bring in food for the buffet and there are volunteers for setup and takedown. Lanelle will be meeting Richard Davenport at the storage unit so she can pick up all holiday bins.
8. New Monthly Meeting Times: New meeting times were proposed by Marie Harris, and she and Karen Davenport worked on a new timeline. Marie proposed to accept the new monthly meeting times, Rae

Jean Walker seconded and the motion passed. The NOS membership will be advised of this change at the Holiday Party, in the Newsletter and on the Website.

9. 2025 Programs: Marie Harris will become Vice President of Programs in January. She advised the Board that she is working on Programs for the 2025 meetings including dates for an Orchid Mounting/Hands-On Demonstration, an Orchid Potting/Repotting Demonstration, Show Prep at the January meeting, and numerous choices for possible speakers/subjects at other meetings.
10. Culture Class Developments: Richard Davenport reported that the Culture Class will not be at the Garden. He and Jim Rawson have been searching for another venue. Richard advised the Board that the dates for the classes will be March 1, 3, 15, 22, 29, and April 5. Because we will now be paying for a venue, and with increased cost of orchids and class handbooks, Richard noted we will have to charge $149.00 for members and $189.00 for nonmembers in order to break even. Once we have determined the venue and all costs, these estimates may have to be revised.
11. January Meeting: Marie Harris reported that Rae Jean Walker, Elaine Gates and Karen Davenport will provide "How-To's" for orchid prep, prep for orchid basket/container exhibits and cut flower exhibits. The new Guidelines and Regulations for the Show will also be discussed.
12. Karen Davenport moved to adjourn the meeting, Sue Roehl seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

SHOW COMMITTEE MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m.

Show Chair Jim Rawson was unable to attend the meeting due to recent surgery.

Stu Rubin reported we have already obtained several sponsors with sponsorships totaling over $4000.00.

Marie Harris suggested when we reprint the Rack Card, we include the names of the vendors and also include a membership section on the back side.

Marie Harris discussed the possibility of having a membership table outside the entrance to the Garden in addition to the membership table inside at the Show.

There was a brief discussion regarding how the Garden allocates their payment to NOS for our share of the Show proceeds.

Karen Davenport moved to adjourn the meeting, Rae Jean Walker seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary