BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTHLY BOARD MINUTES
June 2, 2026
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center

President Richard Davenport called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

In attendance were Richard Davenport, Arlene Cluff, Karen Davenport, Rae Jean Walker, Sue Roehl, Twyla Leigh, Marie Harris, Linda Van Blerkom, B.C. Loki, Nancy Thorsen, and Val Rooney.

1) Richard Davenport announced that Education Director Linda Van Blerkom has handed in her resignation effective 12/31/26, and thanked her for her service, particularly as a Newsletter Editor.
2) The Minutes from May 5, 2026, were reviewed. Nancy Thorsen moved to approve the Minutes, Twyla Leigh seconded and the motion passed.
3) Treasurer Nancy Thorsen passed out reports on current balances in all NOS LMCU accounts. She also prepared and provided a monthly Profit and Loss report that was discussed by the Board.

- Nancy advised she has not received the Naples Botanical Garden check for $6,600.00 as our share of Show proceeds. Marie Harris advised that she has called and emailed our contact at the Garden several times with no response. She will make another attempt and then contact a higher supervisory person.
- Nancy also advised the Board that one of our Money Market Certificates is becoming due and asked if she should let it roll over. The Board unanimously agreed to the rollover.
- Nancy advised the Board that she has filed our 2025 Federal Tax Return and other official documents.

4) Membership: Arlene Cluff advised the Board that we have 234 members. She also advised that she and Deb Goldman had had an inquiry from UF/IFAS personnel regarding the annual Yard and Garden Sale on October 24 and 25, 2026. After discussion, Arlene Cluff moved to participate in the sale, Karen Davenport seconded, and the motion passed.

- AOS Representative Twyla Leigh asked if Membership could provide her with a list of NOS members so that she could determine which NOS members are also members of the AOS. Arlene said that she would provide the list to her.
- Richard Davenport reported that GCOA asked for our membership list with addresses. Marie Harris had also been asked to provide this information. It was agreed by the Board that we would not provide the list. However, the Board has requested Arlene to provide a membership count by zip code for NOS Board use only.

5) Vice President Marie Harris reported that all monthly programs for 2026 are finalized and that she is working on the 2027 schedule.
6) Secretary Karen Davenport discussed creating a "Panel of Presenters" from within NOS membership who are willing and able to provide presentations to various communities in the Naples area when requested through the website or in direct communication with a Board member. Rae Jean Walker advised that she would chair this Panel and would begin soliciting members.
7) Richard Davenport reiterated the need to fill three positions on the Board: Publicity, Communications and Education Director.
8) Richard Davenport advised the Board that we have received a new Annual Lease Agreement from Moorings Presbyterian Church for use of Moss Hall for our monthly meetings. The yearly cost has gone up from $7,200.00 a year to $9,000.00 following several years with no increase. After discussion, Marie Harris moved to approve the new lease, Rae Jean Walker seconded it, and the motion passed.
9) The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center.
10) Karen Davenport moved to adjourn the meeting, and Marie Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

1) Show Chair Marie Harris advised the Board that she has been calling and emailing our contact at the Naples Botanical Garden regarding our Show proceeds check as well as a new 2027 Memo of Understanding. If she does not receive a response this week, Marie will contact a supervisor.
2) AOS Representative Twyla Leigh presented suggestions regarding vendor exhibits for future shows. There were discussions among Board members, but it was decided that until we have an MOU from the Garden, we don't know if we will be able to add additional vendors which would impact the number and locations of vendor displays within Kapnik Hall. Twyla also suggested we reward volunteers for their help with monthly meetings and shows. She suggested that there would need to be someone to keep track of volunteer hours.
3) Linda Van Blerkom moved to adjourn the meeting and Nancy Thorsen seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary