BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTHLY BOARD MINUTES
MAY 5, 2026
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center

President Richard Davenport called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

In attendance were Richard Davenport, Karen Davenport, Deb Goldman, Marie Harris, Linda Van Blerkom, Terre Moore, B.C. Loki, Rae Jean Walker, Nancy Thorsen, Sue Roehl, and Arlene Cluff.

1. The Minutes from April 7, 2026, were reviewed. Rae Jean Walker moved to approve the Minutes, Marie Harris seconded and the Minutes were approved.
2. Treasurer Nancy Thorsen reported a total of $58,198.45 in the combined checking, Money Market and CD NOS accounts. One Money Market Certificate just matured and the Board determined it should be reinvested since several more Certificates were going to mature over the next few months. Nancy presented an awesome Source and Use of Funds report.
   - Terre Moore reminded Nancy that we need to write a check in the amount of $500.00, made payable to Forest Glen Golf and Country Club. This is the gratuity the Board agreed upon for the use of the Community Center for our six-week Orchid Culture Class series.
3. Membership Co-Chair Arlene Cluff advised the Board that there were three new members and a total membership of 228.
4. Richard Davenport reminded the Board that we have two open Director positions. He proposed that the Board should be willing to tailor the actual job assignments to the skills and preferences of individual nominees.
5. Culture Class Chair Terre Moore discussed the Handbook, PowerPoint presentations, and presenters for the six Orchid Culture classes and asked for suggestions, corrections or additions. She is going to send an email to all participants asking for constructive suggestions relating to the program.
6. Terre asked if there would be any interest in a Fall bus trip. A number of suggestions were made, and Terre will look into the cost for buses and possible nurseries to visit.
7. Karen Davenport provided an update on the NOS Facebook page. NOS is now following many orchid societies and vendors, and Karen will continue to add new societies and gardens to that list.
8. Karen Davenport also discussed the need for at least two Plant Table Registration Teams.
9. The next Board meeting will be June 2, 2026, at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Community Center.
10. Karen Davenport moved to adjourn the meeting, Deb Goldman seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

Show Chair Marie Harris discussed the following:

1. Need identification of Show Committee members. Karen Davenport suggested that each person who had a specific 2026 Show job should write up the title and description of the job.
2. Orchid Fiesta was selected by the Board as the 2027 Show Theme.
3. Marie discussed several of the logistical items that were not taken care of by NBG. Stu Rubin has volunteered to be the liaison between NOS and NBG.

- Richard Davenport discussed some of the things we'd like for the 2027 Show, such as more vendors and more space for them.
- Marie suggested we allow all GCOA members reciprocal free entry to all NOS Shows and the Board was in favor.
- Marie discussed the possibility of NBG giving other orchid societies a discounted entry fee.
- We should be thinking about possible new vendors if NBG approves adding more to our Show.

- We should consider offering educational opportunities during the Show. Marie mentioned that OFE offers classes in English and Spanish.
- There are a couple of possibilities for registration locations within Kapnik Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary