BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2023
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center

President Richard Davenport called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance were Richard and Karen Davenport, Marie Harris, Carolyn Booker, Kris Morton, Jim Rawson, Rae Jean Walker, Stu Rubin, Lanelle Bishop and guest Monica Monahan.

1. Meeting Minutes from September 15, 2023 were reviewed. Lanelle Bishop moved to accept the Minutes, Rae Jean seconded and the motion passed.
2. David Orr, Treasurer was not in attendance but Marie Harris reported $23,734.23 in our Regions checking account and $35,934.62 in CD's.
3. Marie Harris, Membership Chair"
   - Reported we currently have 200 members.
   - Marie met with David Orr to discuss "square" setup for membership renewals and new applications at meetings and any other money transactions. Marie, David and Dave Custer from GCOA will meet to fine tune the proper Square units to buy and use. PayPal issues include a correction from $50.00 for a joint membership to $60.00. There was continued discussion about using Paypal versus just the Square and/or checks. Stu Rubin researched a Square App for online use and further research will be required. Richard Davenport will contact David Orr for continued discussions.
   - Marie reported on the Yard and Garden Show preparations for October 27, 28 and 29 at IFAS. Volunteers are scheduled, setup is being organized, and other requirements were discussed.
   - Karen Davenport moved that we use the extra plants from our monthly potting meeting to give to anyone signing up for a new membership. Marie Harris seconded and the motion was passed.
   - Marie brought up Life Time Memberships. Since By-Laws are currently being reviewed this issue will be addressed.
4. Lanelle Bishop, Second Vice President, discussed our Holiday Potluck Dinner which will be in Moss Hall. She and co-chair Carolyn Booker will send Bob Castonguay, Newsletter Editor, information for an Eblast to all members with suggestions of food items we will need. NOS will provide the main meat dishes.
   - Rae Jean and David Orr will handle the Raffle of Holiday Baskets.
   - Karen Davenport, Carolyn Booker and Marie Harris will put together the Orchid Raffle baskets.
   - Jim Rawson will order orchids as our give-away for all members attending the Holiday Party. He will be thinking about best way to give the plants out.
   - Richard Davenport will communicate with Dick Pippen to coordinate the winning orchid ribbon winners which will be awarded at the Holiday Party.

5. Stu Rubin, First Vice President, discussed upcoming monthly meeting speakers. Carol Holdren, AOS Judge, will be our November speaker. There were further discussions of speakers for 2024.
6. Richard Davenport and Stu Rubin have been communicating with Tricia Rowles, the Church Coordinator, to reach a new contract for the rental of Moss Hall instead of Baker Gym for future 2024 monthly meetings. The new lease agreement was presented to the Board. Marie Harris moved to accept the new lease agreement, Carolyn Booker seconded and the motion was passed.
7. Richard Davenport discussed the need for eight rolling collapsible carts for all hanging plants in Moss Hall since we will be unable to use the brackets and chains used in Baker Gym. Marie Harris moved to purchase new rolling collapsible carts to be used in Moss Hall, Carolyn Booker seconded and the motion was passed. Richard Davenport will order the carts.
8. Orchid Doctor will be managed by Rae Jean Walker who will either be presenting or finding other presenters. In the future we will provide a "Suggestion Box" at our meetings for the general membership asking for topics for Orchid Doctor and speakers/topics for future club meetings.
9. Kris Morton and David Orr will take over selling Raffle Tickets.
10. Jim Rawson announced that the WPBJC AOS judges will be presenting an Orchid Show Judging Workshop on November 18 from 9-1, in an effort to simplify and streamline Orchid Club Shows. Jim reported that anyone can go but he would need a headcount to submit to the the Judging Center.
11. President Richard Davenport updated the Board on the status of the new NBG Memorandum of Understanding. He is awaiting confirmation of a date and time to meet with the CEO of NBG.
12. Stu Rubin, Show Chairperson, announced he has started the hunt for sponsors for our Show and asked for suggestions and/or help.
13. Jim Rawson shared an Article from Florida Weekly placed by NBG announcing upcoming Garden events and we were included!
14. The next two Board meetings will be Tuesday, November 14 and Tuesday, December 12.
15. Rae Jean Walker moved to adjourn the meeting, Kris Morton seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lanelle Bishop, Second Vice President