

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting March 1, 2018 Submitted by Cynthia Bock, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Dick Phippen. He reviewed the emergency procedures and thanked the refreshment providers. Dick reviewed the results of the Show and Sale. We had many wonderful plants exhibited. There were 10 AOS awards handed out. Several went to our members and several went to the vendors. Many of our members volunteered at the show. We raffled 7 orchid baskets. Dick thanked the food crew, the publicity crew and sponsorship crew. He also thanked Naples Botanical Gardens for such a lovely venue. 3,500 people attended the show.

Gulfcoast Orchid Alliance Show is on Mar 9, 10 & 11 at North Regional Park.

Our next meeting is April 12th with David Junka demonstrating re-potting.

Veronica Catrombon reported on membership. 167 members. Facebook shares have reached 293. We get a cake at 300!!!! Pay your membership!

Carolyn Booker mentioned May 19th Redland Show bus trip. Sign up now.

Sheila reported on treasury. Money market has \$25,396. Operating \$2,343. All bills are paid.

Kit Kitchen Maran reported on the scholarships. At show, we sold 13 hats \$195. Orchidgami sold 189 sheets at \$1 each. The matching program for the scholarship fundraising has been frustrated by the US consulate not issuing visas to any Cubans. But the research program will continue with others from IL College. Donations have been received (Kit read names). Still need to match \$645. Raised \$2,337 so far. This will fund 2 students for the research program. Total member donations of \$8124 to date since we started in 2011. \$34,500 has gone to fund education and research on native and related orchids.

David Orr reported on the raffle at the show, raised \$2,803. One of the winners of a basket was Rose, the wife of the former owner of the shade house we rent.

David introduced our speaker, John Burdee, who spoke about Bulbophyllums.

The plant table winners were announced and raffle winners were selected.

Meeting adjourned 9pm.