MONTHLY CLUB MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2024

The meeting was held in Moss Hall at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Donated snacks were enjoyed by attendees. And everyone enjoyed sitting at round tables rather than theater seating. Thank you, Sue Roehl, for overseeing the donated food.

Setup was by Stu Rubin, Richard Davenport, Jim Rawson, Karen Davenport, and Marie Harris.

Diane and John Ervin sold raffle tickets and Stu Rubin sold shirts and hats.

There was no Orchid Doctor for this meeting.

Orchid plants were registered by members and voting was held. Karen Davenport and Carolyn Booker tallied the votes.

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Davenport at 7:30 p.m. He reviewed emergency exits.

Marie Harris welcomed and renewed members. She reminded members that if they had not renewed their membership as of January 31, 2024, yesterday, their names had been removed from the online roster. Marie also reminded members to sign up for volunteering in the many positions needed to present a great Show. Sign-up sheets were available at the Membership Table with lots of open slots.

David Orr reviewed checking and CD accounts.

Stu Rubin and Richard Davenport discussed the upcoming Show at the Naples Botanical Garden. They advised that negotiations were ongoing with the Garden for a signed Operating Agreement. Stu also reminded everyone of the changes in the Show schedule: Setup on Tuesday, Feb. 13, Registration on Wednesday, Feb. 14, AOS judging on Thursday, Feb. 15 and the Show will be on Friday Feb 16 through Sunday, Feb 18 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Vendor sales and the Show would start at 8:00 a.m. for NBG and NOS members.

Stu introduced Rae Jean Walker, our Speaker for the night, who demonstrated how to prepare plants for judging at the Show. Rae Jean brought in plants and materials to clean up and prepare for the Show. She gave tips and tricks and answered questions posed by members. Everyone went home with new ideas for entries for the Show!

John Ervin announced ribbon winners including the Gold ribbons for Best Species and Best Hybrid plants as selected by Marilyn Moser, our former long time AOS Representative and experienced orchid grower.

Raffle tickets were pulled for members who brought food for the Food Donation Table, who brought in plants that qualified them for The Green Tag Plant award and who purchased raffle tickets.

Sue Roehl and Marilyn Moser photographed winning plants.

The next monthly meeting will be March 7, 2024. Jose Esposito of Soroa Orchids will be our speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Take down was by Richard Davenport, Jim Rawson, Stu Rubin, Marie Harris, Maria Rosenfeld, Sue Roehl and Karen Davenport.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Davenport, Secretary