**MONTHLY CLUB MEETING MINUTES**
**January 4, 2024**

The meeting was held in Moss Hall at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Donated snacks were enjoyed by 64 attendees. Moss Hall enabled us to use round tables in lieu of theater seating for our attendees.

Diane Ervin and David Orr sold raffle tickets. Stu Rubin sold hats and shirts.

Orchid Doctor was John Ervin who demonstrated how he mounts his orchids, providing examples of his mounts.

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

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

Marie Harris and David Orr welcomed and renewed members. Marie advised the members that their 2023 membership expired as of December 31, 2023 and as of January 31, 2024 their names will be removed from our online roster. This will make them ineligible to register plants at our monthly meetings or at the annual Orchid Show for competition and they will be required to pay to attend the Show at the Naples Botanical Garden. Marie also discussed the volunteer sign-up sheets for the Show, explaining what positions were needed. The sign-up sheets were available at the Membership Table.

David Orr reported our current checking account balance is $24,051.79 and our CD balance $36,366.50.

Stu Rubin, Jim Rawson and Richard Davenport discussed the upcoming Show at NBG. They advised the Memo of Understanding with NBG is still in negotiations. The new Schedule for the Show was reviewed: Setup on Tuesday-February 13, plant registration on Wednesday-February 14, AOS judging on Thursday-February 15 and Show running from Friday-February 16 through Sunday-February 18, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Vendor sales will start at 8:00 a.m.

Stu introduced Elaine Gates who demonstrated how to prepare plants for the Show, including container and cut flower exhibits. She also provided a slide presentation of winning orchid plants and exhibits. Her examples were placed on the Raffle Table.

John Ervin announced Ribbon Winners including the Gold Ribbons for the Best Hybrid and the Best Species.

Raffle tickets were pulled for Food Donation Table, Green Tag Plant, and Raffle Table winners.

Sue Roehl and Marilyn Moser photographed winning plants.

The next monthly meeting will be February 1, 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted by Karen Davenport, Secretary