MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2024

The meeting was held in Moss Hall at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Richard Davenport, Stu Rubin, Marie Harris, Norm Harris, and Karen Davenport set up the meeting room.

Sue Roehl supervised the table of donated refreshments and also helped to set up the food table for the speakers.

Diane and John Ervin sold raffle tickets, collecting $188.00. Stu Rubin sold hats and shirts.

Rae Jean Walker was Orchid Doctor and answered questions about orchid culture.

Members registered their orchids. Barbara Holdsworth, Elaine Gates and Karen Davenport tallied 33 votes for 55 registered plants. Dr. Larry Zettler and past Intern Adam Herdman selected the Best Hybrid and Best Species plants and explained their selections.

President Richard Davenport called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Richard introduced our speakers for the evening including Dr. Larry Zettler, Adam Herdman, Tony Ruiz, Toby McTamney, other members of the research team from Illinois College, and Nick Ewy and Liz Chehayl from the Naples Botanical Garden. Adam revealed the results of the Ten-Year Study of Ghost Orchids and other native orchids in the Fakahatchee Strand and the Panther Preserve.

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

John Ervin announced ribbon winners.

Sue Roehl and Marilyn Moser photographed winning plants.

Takedown and storage of display racks and meeting materials was handled by Richard Davenport, Stu Rubin, Sue Roehl, Diane Ervin, and Karen Davenport.

The next monthly meeting will be August 1, 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary