

Minutes of the Meeting
Naples Orchid Society Board of Directors
March 28, 2019

Call to order 6:30 pm

In Attendance: Dick Pippen, Cynthia Bock, Sheila Demkovich, Marilyn Moser, Kris Morton, Sue Roehl, David Orr, Carolyn Booker, Lanelle Bishop, Diane Glover, Mary Jo Shivley, Rae Jean Walker, Kit Kitchen Maran. Guests: Mary Lane; Karen and Richard Davenport

Secretary's report; presented minutes of last meeting; approved as presented motion by Carolyn Booker, seconded by Marilyn Moser, passed unanimously

President's report: Very successful culture class: 30 participants. Proposal to raise price to \$75 for members and \$120 for non-members. Passed unanimously.

Dennis Pike has requested us to sponsor a community orchid award. Dick is not interested in pursuing this, but if someone wishes to work with him on this, Dick will not be opposed. No one expressed interest.

Joanna Head contacted Dick about an arts and crafts show in January and asked if we would like to have a display at their show. Kit suggested we do a basket and raffle it. Dick asked if anyone would be interested in doing this. No response. Tabled for further discussion.

Treasurer's report: Sheila Demkovich: Regions bank stmt \$13,637.20 and money market \$23,509. Plus 3 cds totaling about \$20k. Reports were circulated. Smile Amazon payments come in about once a month. Dues payments are coming in on PayPal. Discussion on raising dues, tabled for further discussion. We are currently earning a very low percentage on our money market. Sheila proposes to transfer some of money market to a CD earning more. Kit recommended looking into the community foundation investment program. Sheila and Cynthia will research and report back. Letter from Dept of Corrections that Carolyn has been released from their supervision. Sheila informed board that the space where we hold our meetings will no longer be available to us.

1st VP - David Orr reported that speakers for next year are being planned but no responses have been received. Other clubs pay more. We pay \$150. Motion by Cynthia Bock to increase speaker payments to \$250, seconded Carolyn Booker, passed unanimously. Several suggestions for speakers were presented.

2nd VP - Lanelle Bishop reported that there is bus trip to Redlands May 18, 12 people going so far.

Membership Chair Veronica Catrombon - absent - but submitted report that we have 169 members. Facebook followers 417. Digital packet going to committee for review.

Newsletter editor - Kris Morton - working well with Veronica producing newsletter. mailed newsletters down to 4.

Publicity chair - Jim Rawson - absent

Director's reports:

Rae Jean Walker - no report

Carolyn Booker - no report

Mary Jo Shivley - no report

AOS Rep - Marilyn Moser reported that we used to give a donation to AOS. She would like us to again donate to AOS for their centennial. She recommends that we begin giving again, giving \$250 designated for research, and she would like to give for the centennial to have a sponsorship. Cynthia Bock made a motion to give \$300 for research, education and conservation this year and sign up for \$1000 sponsorship for 2021 gala, seconded by David Orr. Passed unanimously.

Webmaster - no report

Old Business - none

New Business: Kris will send out an email blast about current deal on orchidWiz; consideration of three interns scholarship applicants: applications were distributed; Motion to give 3 scholarships of \$1000 each to the 3 applicants by Rae Jean Walker, Carolyn Booker seconded, passed unanimously. Kit inquired about more Orchidgami; they sent 500 and asked for a donation. Kit proposed \$125 - \$250. David Orr proposed a donation of \$200, seconded by Rae Jean Walker, passed unanimously. Kit mentioned boardwalk kiosk and presented an application for a grant for the Naples Garden Club and the Munson Foundation. She would like the board to consider an educational kiosk on native orchids, funded by grants. Rae Jean and Mary with Kit volunteered to research grants for educational kiosk for Big Cypress boardwalk. They will report back.

Next meeting: April 25th

No May Meeting, then meet June 27th

Adjourned 8:15pm