

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting November 2, 2017 Submitted by Cynthia Bock, Secretary

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He reviewed the emergency exits and procedures and thanked Mary Jo Shivley & all those who made & brought in the refreshments. Dick announced that Naples Orchid Society hats are available for \$15 cash (\$15 + tax on credit card.) Culture class is coming up Jan 13 to Feb. 17th, \$60 for members and \$90 for non-members. Maximum will be 50 people. We also need to start thinking about the show, the last weekend in February. We need a show theme. Please put your suggestions in the Show Theme box. Winner gets \$50!! Dec. 7 is our annual Christmas dinner party - pot luck - in Moss Hall. We provide meat and drinks. Members bring sides, desserts, appetizers etc. We ask that you bring a canned item for Collier Harvest. Broward Orchid Supplies will be there. 10% discount for pre-orders. November is our official annual meeting and tonight we had election of officers. Sheila Demkovich ran the election. Slate approved by the Board of Directors is as follows:

President Dick Pippen, 1st Vice President David Orr, 2nd Vice President Lanelle Bishop, Treasurer Sheila Demkovich, Secretary Cynthia Bock, Publicity Jim Rawson, Newsletter Kris Morton

Membership Veronica Catrombon, 1 year Director Rae Jean Walker, 2 Year Director Mary Jo Shively, 3 Year Director Carolyn Booker, AOS Representative Marilyn Moser, Webmaster Susan Roehl

Motion to close the nominations by Richard Davenport and seconded by Karen Davenport. The slate is elected by proclamation. Membership chair Veronica reported that we have 220 members. 2018 dues are payable at any time. Please look at and share our posts on Facebook. David Genovese is having a private sale at his house. Veronica has info. and will send an email with more information with blast. Treasurer reported that we have \$3,361 in checking and \$25,370 in savings. Lanelle Bishop thanked Bill Overton for sharing his collection with members. January bus trip details are in Newsletter, Tamiami Orchid Show, Jan. 13th. Christmas Holiday potluck dinner is Dec. 7th at 6 pm. Bring your favorite dish (other than meat and drinks) and a donation for Collier Harvest. Kit Kitchen-Maran reported that the Naples Orchid Society Scholarship Fund Challenge has raised \$692 with Sheila Demkovich donating an additional \$1,000. November speaker, Segundo Quest from Quest Orchids, is unfortunately ill. Kit introduced tonight's speaker, Dennis Whigham and Juliana McGuiness, from Smithsonian Institution, North American Orchid Conservation, who kindly substituted and spoke on orchid ecology and conservation. Plant Table winners were announced and raffle winners were drawn.