

July 2, 2018 Monthly Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM **President** Marta Hudson called the meeting to order. She greeted everyone and asked Janine Flickner if we had any **guests** or **new members**. There were 2 new members and 2 guests. They were individually welcomed.

Old Business: How many members received an email (email comes from the SOS) announcing the meeting and with a link to the newsletter and the Treasury report? How many of you clicked through to the newsletter? Direct any questions on the report to Laurie Stoner, **Treasurer**.

New Business:

7:15 PM ***** Announcements:**

Raffle has now changed. A bucket was placed in front of each raffle plant and members bought tickets and placed tickets in the bucket(s) of their desired plants. Price is now 6 tickets for \$5.

Tasting the water for new activities. Three proposed ideas:

- 1) Have Saturday workshops at members orchidarium's. Forms were passed out to see who were interested and 16 people registered.
- 2) Have a Parade of Collections. Needed about 5 members to volunteer their ho. Logistics will be implemented according to the responses. We also need Volunteers to help at each of the parade homes to prepare the day before and assist on the day of the parade. These volunteers will have the chance for an "early" bird preview of all the homes since they will be working the day of the parade. Three members offered their homes, three more maybe's, and 13, will volunteer to help at the homes.
- 3) Some members would like to show us their collections. The following is the upcoming schedule for the Board meetings up to December 2019.
August 27, 2018 – Laurie Stoner (possible that Mary Jo Zaksas host it
October 29, 2018 – Eileen Antonelli

December 1, 2018 – Dennis Pavlock
February 25, 2019 – Susan Felber
April 29, 2019 – Marta Hudson
June 24, 2019 – Bruce Oltchick
August 26, 2019 – Jill Lopez
October 28, 2019 – Susan Gerhardt
December 16, 2019 – ?

In the summer time many members are absent because they go up north so sign up forms will be available at all meetings.

Our Annual Picnic is schedule for the September meeting.

Doors will open at 5:30 PM. The society will provide table cloths, napkins, plates, silverware, cups, ice, sweet and unsweet ice tea, diet Coke, Coke, coffee, and water. You may bring in wine and glasses, if you wish.

Please provide a salad or a casserole, that would comfortably serve 8-12 people. Label the dish with an index card. (If the name of the dish is not self-explanatory, list the main ingredients or note that it is gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, etc.) Provide a serving spoon or fork.

Suggested potluck items, by Last Name of member:

A - L: Salads, veggies, fruit, desserts

M - Z: casseroles such as mac and cheese, lasagna, enchiladas, meatballs, meat trays, etc.

More details and an email will be send out as we get closer to the date.

We have almost fully staffed the Hospitality committee, but we are still in need of a **Hospitality chairperson** to step up and learn the ropes with Judy Robertson who is finishing her last year as Hospitality chairperson. We need a successor.

We have divided responsibilities for the **Storage Management** position and now we need to staff a new committee to help with the Set up and Clean up for each individual meeting. The person who's turn is to set up the following month, will pick up the street sign and bring back to that next meeting. The sign-up sheet

recruited 3 members and will need to fill more at the next meetings. Susan Felber volunteered to coordinate this committee.

Marta informed the members that due to health reasons, Mario Valencia-Rojas stepped down from the Board. He will continue to be supportive in other areas, health permitting. So his position of **Storage Management** is now open and needs to be staffed as soon as possible.

Joining the board is a great way to not only serve the club, but it's a wonderful way to learn something new, and work alongside like-minded people. It is a good idea to get as many position "helpers" that will turn into replacements as they are needed.

We proposed Board members for the following positions:

Ramsey Sadi, for Treasurer

Sara Nortrup, for Website

Marta asked to take a vote to approve their appointment. Motion to accept both candidates was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Word of the Month - One word to learn each month:

Backbulb (bak-buhlb) An old pseudobulb, often without leaves but still alive and bearing one or more eyes, frequently used for propagation, located behind the actively growing portion of a **sympodial** orchid (Store water in pseudobulbs). We all learn from each other and learning together is more fun. (**note:** sympodial orchid vs monopodial = single upright stem such as vandas and phals)

Scholarships:

In May, we met Michael Jungels. In June, Jordan Olson (a returning applicant) and today, **Elizabeth Gape**. graduate Braden River High School, Bradenton, Florida with a GPA of 4.25. She is a Key Club member, V.P of the Senior Advisory Board, National Honor Society member, and Environmental Club member. At a young age, she knew she wanted to dedicate a portion of her life to educating young people. Her intention is to become a high school science teacher who hopes to

inspire her students to understand local ecosystems, climate change, and the impact of humans on the environment.

Elizabeth will attend Florida State University in the fall. She plans to major in Environmental Sciences.

The Scholarship Committee Barbara Delgado & Patti Turfs came to the front with Elizabeth.

Karen Bird-Lister took photographs for inclusion in the Herald Tribune and our newsletter. On behalf of the SOS, Marta gave Elizabeth an envelope with the \$1,000.00 award.

Silent Auction: We had 7 beautiful plants for auction.

Cattleya Symposium: August 3 & 4 - Ft Pierce: At the break, Dennis Pavlock & Laurie Stoner picked up the winner ticket out of the 15 that sold, and Sara Nortrop was awarded.

At the 15-minute break members voted for the best Species, Hybrid, and Novice plants on the display table. The ribbon winners were photographed by Karen Bird-Lister for the SOS website. SOS invested on a black background and spot lights to be able to have better photos.

7:30 – 8:15 Marta Hudson, introduced Bret & Ruth Ullery of Accent Orchids - St Pete who spoke about dendrobiums.

Bret and Ruth are local orchid growers with similar story to mine when Bob bought my first orchid for Valentine's day. At that point, 11 years ago the obsession began. Accent Orchids started 8 years ago, specializing in the unusual, with a focus on Dendrobiums, Grammatophyllum, Bulbophylums. Ruth and Bret are very active in the operations of their local orchid societies. Both has been Presidents of Florida West Coast Orchid Society. Both currently sit on FWCOS and the Tampa Bay Orchid Society where Bret is the president.

Laurie Stoner review all the plants on the display table. Bret chose/
“{ a Speaker's Choice Award plant.

8:15 – 8:30 Plant raffle: Plants were provided by Bret Ullery and announced by Jinny Wiseman & Bob Hudson.

8:30 PM Clean-up – Marta remind members to help to cleaning up before leaving, and thanked everyone for attending.
