

August 6, 2018 Monthly Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM President Marta Hudson called the meeting to order. She greeted everyone and asked Laurie Stoner, sitting today for membership as Eileen Antonelli /Janine Flickner were not here today, if we had any **guests** or **new members**. In August we had 4. Ashley Palmer, Linn Torres, Hannah Tilsen and Sylvia Nissley who was reactivated.

Last month (July) there were 5 new members: Loly Pirnik, Yolie Mauriz, Anna DeFerrari, Catherine Ryerson, Marilyn Tipton.

Marta shared good news to encourage guests to join at the meeting. If they did not have cash or check to join, Ramsey our newly elected treasurer, could set them up and bill them by email. Once they receive the email invoice, if they don't pay within 30 days they will be deleted. She also reminded members the we have gift certificates available.

Old Business: Members have received the new style newsletter with links to the Treasury report and Meeting minutes and it looks like we are getting better at clicking on the links and reading the newsletter. The format of the newsletter has changed and now you will have the basic news for the upcoming meeting with links to review whatever interests you. Marta said that change is good and we need to adapt to an ever-changing world.

New and Newer Business:

7:15 PM * Announcements:**

Our Raffle changed and 99% of the members embraced the change. It was a bit confusing at first but once it was implemented, everyone was happy that it went really fast. The bucket placed in front of each raffle plant gave the members time to decide on their favorite plants during the meeting and not at the last minute as it was done before, taking a long time for selected winners to choose their orchid. Price is the same as before, 3 tickets for \$5. Last month we did not break even but this month we did well.

Last meeting, we tasted the water for **new activities** and got great response on the following 3 items:

1. **Saturday workshops at members orchidarium's or other locations**, were a hit. Forms for the next 2 workshops were almost filled and will be passed around again at the September meeting. Members must prepay for the workshop \$25 to reserve the spot. We must have enough people signing up to afford to pay the instructors and buy materials for the class. In the summertime many members are absent because they go up north, so sign up forms will be available at all meetings.
 - a. Cathy Lewis will be teaching on September 22 on 'Re-potting'. It will be in the morning from 10-1 pm. The location still TBD.
 - b. Kay Weber will be offering a workshop about 'Mounting' in October 20th at 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Location to be announced. Sign up sheets are circulating, but payment of \$25 must be received to save the spot. Remember, we have gift certificates available and workshops are solely for SOS members.

2) Have a Parade of Collections.

- a. We have 3 members volunteering their home, and 3 more showed interest. Need to select a date and implement the logistics. We will be passing the signup sheets again at this meeting to volunteer to work at the homes.
- b. Thirteen members signed up to assist on the day before and the day of the parade. These volunteers will have the chance for an "early" bird preview of all the homes after the homes have been prepared the day before.

3) Upcoming Board Meetings:

Starting in August, we will have our Board meetings at members' homes.

That would give us the chance to see their growing areas.

August 27, 2018 – Mary Jo Zaksas

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 – TBD

Membership:

We are looking into new procedures for updating MailChimp during the dues renewal process. Laurie is planning a meeting with Ramsey and Eileen in November.

Our Annual Potluck is scheduled 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 sent out as we get closer to the date.

We have now fully staffed the Hospitality committee, with Halina Farsun leading and replacing Judy Robertson as the new **Hospitality Coordinator/Chairperson**. Judy will meet with Halina to teach her the ropes of her new position. We are very happy, Halina is perfect for this job.

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. Sign up sheet will be circulating. Please sign up.

We staffed the driving position with: We need another 'backup' driver with a good driving record to drive the u-hall and 2-4 helpers to load the truck for the 3 shows next year. One of them will need to step up and assume the position of **Storage Management** to conclude and resolve filling of Norms job.

Next month we will be passing sign up sheets to volunteer for various tasks at the January Show. Other Volunteers will sign up later to help bring supplies back and forth to the 3 orchid shows we participate in

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.

Word of the Month - One word to learn each month: Marta said that the word of the month was mistakenly not spoken, but it will be added next month. For August, it was supposed to be **Epiphyte, Epiphytic:** Also called "air plants," they have some advantages over other plants. The term indicates a plant that lives off other plants, but in a non-parasitic way. There, you'd see orchids growing out of other plants, such as tree bark.

Silent Auction: We had 3 beautiful plants for auction.

7:30 – 8:15 Roy Krueger, introduced Jim Roberts of Florida SunCoast Orchids. Topic: "Summertime and the Growin' is Easy". Jim was exceptionally good and kept the audience engaged with his well put together PowerPoint presentation and delivery. Everyone went home with several new tips. During the years he had collected photographs of local peoples growing areas and seeing their settings helped many formulate new ideas to store and grow their orchids.

Roy Krueger reviewed all the plants on the display table, and Jim Roberts choose the Speaker's Choice Award plant.

Earlier before the meeting, Roy also presented his informative culture class and was well attended.

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 our SOS Website.

8:15 – 8:30 Plant raffle: Plants were subsidized by Jim Roberts and announced by Jinny Wiseman & Betty Smith.

8:30 PM Clean-up – Marta remind members that everyone needs to help to cleaning up before leaving. She reminded to be safe and drive carefully and thanked everyone for attending.