

Manatee Orchid Society
Board Meeting Minutes January 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by President, Louis Mendez.

Attendees: Louis Mendez, Mercedes Kratz, Maryanne Hazen, Sharon Kinkaid, and Chris O'Grady

The Secretary read the minutes from the September 2019 Board meeting.

It was agreed a donation of \$100.00 would be made in honor of Roger Miller and to Barry Reese. Both had been officers and long-time members of the Society.

The Board agreed to postpone preparing a new budget until the new Board is installed in June. It also agreed to appoint an audit committee in May to review the Society's books.

Louis Mendez recommended the nomination of Caryl Ponder as First Vice President. Chris O'Grady moved to accept the nomination and Maryanne Hazen seconded. The motion was approved.

Louis will make Caryl aware of the Board requirement that up to \$200 may be authorized for speaker fees with the stipulation that any fee in excess of this amount be pre-approved by the Board.

Sharon Kinkaid said the Society was financially secure as member presentations have replaced outside speakers. The balance in the treasury is \$5,938.01.

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There were no recommendations for changes to the by-laws.

An Accommodations Chair is needed to serve March thru May. Maryanne Hazen will circulate a sign-up sheet at the January meeting.

Maryanne Hazen sent personal reminders to non-dues paying members. Several have renewed membership as a result.

The MOS web site will replace the monthly newsletter.

Few members attended the first field trip to Selby Gardens. It was questionable whether there was enough interest by members to pursue future field trips.

In February long-term member Lucille Nugent will celebrate her 90th birthday. Maryanne Hazen will purchase a cake for Lucille and Chris O'Grady will buy a card. .

At the March meeting a Nominating Committee of three (3) members will be selected. The committee will present the slate of offices at the April meeting. Elections to the Board will be held at the May meeting.

The next Board meeting will be set by the new Board president.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Respectively Submitted, Mercedes Kratz, Secretary.