

Manatee Orchid Society Minutes, June 11, 2019

President Louis Mendez opened the business meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Membership chair, Maryanne Hazen, introduced new members, Mary Anne Wampole, Cecilla Hopper, Maureen Hirthler, and Helen Pausenwein. There were three guests present at the meeting.

Recording Secretary, Mercedes Kratz, read the minutes from the May meeting. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. In the absence of the Treasurer, Sharon Kinkaid, there was no treasury report.

Bill Rich reported that Barry Reese remains in a nursing home. (For current information on Barry check the member's website).

President, Louis Mendez, announced there would be no meeting of the Orchid Society in July. Chris O'Grady explained that the Garden Club would be celebrating its 90th birthday this year and the building was going to be totally renovated during the month of July. The August meeting will be held as scheduled on Tuesday, August 13, 2019.

Refreshments Committee Chair, Jeanne Dixon, circulated a new sign up sheet for the remainder of the year. All members are expected to sign up to bring snacks during the year.

President, Louis Mendez, introduced orchid member, Micah Dault who spoke on epiphytes and showed examples of how he grows them on mounts, using Spanish moss to retain moisture. He favors fragrant orchids in his collection .

Bill Miller and Craig Silipo reviewed the plants on the plant table. Bill Miller commented that since he has been a member, the variety and quality of the plants being exhibited reflected the growing experience of the Society's members.

The meeting was concluded at 8:40 p.m.. Bill Rich conducted the raffle.

Respectfully submitted, Mercedes Kratz, Recording Secretary