

The minutes of the August meeting were accepted as they appeared on the website.

Treasurer, Sharon Kinkaid, reported a balance of \$5,637.53.

President Louis Mendez asked for volunteers to serve on a nominating committee to search for a new First Vice President. Sharon Kinkaid and Julie McClure volunteered for the committee. Recommendations will be presented at the October meeting.

A luncheon to celebrate the life of Barry Reese was scheduled for Saturday, September 14 at noon at the War Veterans Memorial Park, shelter #5 in St. Petersburg, FL. All MOS members were invited to attend.

Membership Chair Maryanne Hazen will chair the Refreshment Committee January thru March, 2020. A signup sheet was circulated for committee chairs volunteers through 2020.

Maryanne will chair the December holiday party and will need volunteers for her committee. Members and guest will pay \$10.00 and those under 18 years of age will pay \$5.00. Members will be asked to bring their favorite dishes to share. More details to follow.

Maryanne would like to add a list of local orchid vendors to the web site and asked members to bring her any vendor cards they have.

Roy Krueger requested members send him photos of their unusual orchids for a program he is planning.

The Board had discussed ways of engaging members in orchid related activities outside of the monthly meetings. The first activity will be a field trip to Selby Gardens on Saturday, October 12, to view their "Blossoms of Asia Show". Members will meet at the entrance to Selby at 10:15 a.m. to tour the show. Lunch at one of the many restaurants in the area will be optional following the tour. (See details of the show on the Selby website.)

Louis Mendez said the Accommodations Committee needs a chair person to oversee volunteers' set up of the room and clean up after the meetings. The chair and

volunteers would serve a three month term. A signup sheet for volunteers was circulated.

Louis Mendez introduced speaker, Micah Dault, an experienced MOS member, whose topic was "How to Start Bare Root Divisions and Transplanting Orchids." He demonstrated when to divide plants and how to root back bulbs. He brought plants for sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. and the raffle conducted.

Respectfully submitted, Mercedes Kratz, Recording Secretary