



Next Meeting January 11, 2020
 There will be a plant raffle
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Officers and Board of Directors

- President Joyce Potoff (2019-2021)
- Past President Tim Hueston
- Vice President Amy Beyer (2020-2022)
- Treasurer Edith Sommers (2020-2022)
- Secretary Sue Sanderson (2019-2021)
- 2020-2022 Marilyn Whittaker, Bob Schust
- 2018-2020 Rollie Wilson, Jean Rose
- 2019-2021 Helmut Schick, Sally Heinlein

Treasurer's Report -Edith report a balance of \$7,340.00.

Secretary's Report from Nov. 9th, 2019

This was our finalized show planning meeting. Rollie asked who was doing their own display. Carol Jurek, Marilyn Whittaker, Rollie Wilson and Sally Heinlein will be doing their own displays. The time line for Wednesday set up, Friday display set up/ vendors set up help, and show times will be email to all members by Joyce. We will be dividing up into small groups on Wednesday so many areas will be getting set up at the same time. Wednesday set up starts at the hall by 1:00. Friday we will be starting at 11:00. There will be a potluck Friday night, list circulated on menu items still needed. All donated food items are to be at hall on Friday. Joyce Potoff and Karen Hueston volunteered to do Saturday breakfast.

Signup sheet for clerking was passed around. Carol Jurek suggested we invite back Roberts to sell orchid supplies. Most everyone liked the idea.

New business:

1. Edith stated the cost of the hall rental for our show will be going up for 2020 from \$600.00 to \$1,000.
2. Discussion was held on cost of Guest speakers. Approx. cost of speakers is over \$1,200 if speaker from out of country and approx. \$600.00 if from USA. When Jack Shumaker was able to fund the speakers we had four a year. Maybe now we could try for one or possibly two. It also was suggested we ask some of our own members, Rob from Little Frog, our judges, or Bill Porter to be guest speakers.
3. Joyce stated we will need to have a Board Meeting after our show is in the books, to discuss what we need to do to raise money. Money needed not only for speakers but for society expenses. Maybe a raise in dues is needed. Joyce had Edith prepare a financial report listing all income and expenses for 2016, 2017 and 2018. Those reports were shared and discussed at length. Joyce requested members to offer their ideas. She stated "This isn't Jack's dream or Jack's Society or her society. It is our society. What do you see in its future"?
4. We held election of office of Treasurer and Board member

openings. Edith agreed to stay on as our Treasurer. Board member openings were filled by Marilyn Whittaker and Bob Schust who volunteered to serve another term. Joyce voiced concern that we really need to fill the open Vice President position. Nomination made from the floor by Edith for Amy Beyer. Amy agreed to accept nomination. *Motion* to except Amy as Vice President was made by Edith and seconded by Sue. Motion carried.

Upcoming Orchid Shows

GLOS- February 22-23

MOS – March 28-29 Madison Heights

President's Corner

Happy New Year!

First and foremost a huge Thank You to everyone that worked on our annual Orchid Show. A successful Show requires work and commitment by a lot of people, especially those that agree to chair the show and the various committees. Many of the judges commented that we put on a great show. I'm sure that the great food helped keep them happy. Thank you for all your donations of food, time and

Sponsorships. Without you there would be no show.

After the show, Alan and I took a trip down to Cleveland and visited Robert's Orchids Supply and Windswept in Tyme Orchids. It is always educational to visit professional growers in their own environment. Edgar Stehli has a pseudo-subterranean greenhouse that houses over 4,000 orchids. He talked about how it is built and his superefficient use of growing space. Of course I came home with several additions to my collection. We also had a nice visit with Nancy Roberts and bought plants and

growing supplies from her.

At our January business meeting we will be reviewing the finances of the past year and presenting a budget for this year. We need

your input for possible programs as we would like to provide you, the members, with information that enables you to enjoy your growing efforts. Tim Hueston will have a presentation on growing under lights.

Best wishes for a great 2020

Joyce

Refreshment Volunteer

Signup sheet at meeting

Other Bits

1. Don't forget to bring your plants you want to re-home as we are having plant raffle.
2. If you want to share, also bring an orchid for show and tell.

Welcome new members

Lance Redwantz, Becky VanDenBoom, Vicki Johnson and Larry Watson

Member Profiled

Please consider offering to do your bio for our newsletter. It would be nice for members to put your name with your face, so please include a picture of yourself.

