

Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania
Board Meeting
11/08/2020

Board Meeting

Attendees

- Co-Presidents: Sheila Nathanson & Mike Lysy
 - Co-First Vice President: David Springer
 - Second Vice President: Timothy Choltco
 - Treasurer: Janet Greenberg
 - Secretary : Lance Chevront
 - Directors: Jinghua Ou & Brooke Decker
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- The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Co President Mike Lysy. Meeting began with an update on the Garden Center construction.
 - 2:05pm Co-First Vice President David Springer updated the board on currently scheduled meeting guest speakers through April of 2021.
 - 2:10pm Discussion was held about giving OSWP member Circe Curley a lifetime membership in recognition of her past contributions to the betterment of the Society as a whole and in light of her recent relocation to California. A motion was made by Director Brooke Decker to grant the lifetime membership and was seconded by Secretary Lance Chevront. The motion passed unanimously.
 - 2:15pm The board discussed the possibility of holding the annual OSWP Orchid Show in March of 2021 and in light of the pandemic and the fact that most if not all other societies have canceled their shows, the decision was made to cancel the show. Brooke Decker motioned to cancel, and the motion was seconded by Lance Chevront and passed unanimously.
 - 2:25pm The board discussed possibly having a smaller scale show or gathering in autumn (September or October) of 2021. The discussion was tabled until more information becomes available in the future. Treasurer Janet Greenberg offered to check with the hotel to see the availability for the third weekend in March of 2022 for a possible show then.
 - 2:30pm Treasurer Janet Greenberg gave the board a rundown of the budget. The board discussed the budget as it stood and called for a vote to approve it. Lance Chevront motioned to approve the budget, Sheila Nathanson seconded, the budget passed unanimously.
 - 2:35pm The board discussed budget amounts for upcoming speakers and the need to add a speaker for a meeting in March in light of canceling the show. It was decided to make an additional \$1,000.00 available for the speaker budget. Lance Chevront made a

motion to make the addition. Sheila Nathanson seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

- 2:40pm A motion was made by Sheila Nathanson to approve the amended budget, the motion was seconded by Mike Lysy and was passed unanimously.

General Meeting

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October 20, 2019

2:14 Demetria Marsh starts the meeting having new guests and members introduce themselves to the group, followed by one minute of meet and greet.

2:20 Demetria thanked all those who participated in the Q&A and mini-class earlier.

2:21 BUSINESS

Janet Greenberg gives the financial report.

Demetria secretary announces Cristina Eyer is acting secretary for this meeting.

Lori McDermott and Tim Choltco announce the November speaker will be Pat Conrad.

Valerie Robey asked if anyone did not have the new directory yet and stated she had more available.

Nancy Kline informed the group that AOS members can now access the Orchid Pro program. She also wanted everyone to know Pfun has two upcoming dates available for people to volunteer to repot orchids.

Demetria updated everyone that the cypripedium wish list will soon be out for Phipps.

There is a cymbidium team leader needed.

Nancy Kline is always available at meetings for culture corner. Please bring in your orchid questions.

Rosa Graudins encourages the group to use the library and that AOS magazines are also available.

Norma Raiff thanked Pam Horter-Moore and Cristina Eyer for their work with the Orchid Gems articles.

Jim Yamber reminded everyone that articles are due to him for the newsletter by the 20th of each month. He thanked Pam for her early submission this month.

Jinghua Ou echoed Jim's reminder about sending her articles so she can put them up on the website.

Carolyn Bolton reminded all to bring treats for the November meeting. The Holiday Party is on the second Sunday in December. Please see the newsletter for more information.

Sheila Nathanson and Norma informed the group the Spring Show will be March 14-15, 2020. They announced the sponsorship program book for the Show and would like ideas

for how to advertise the Show. Someone suggested putting out announcements in community newsletters. Norma also needs help with contacting vendors.

Demetria thanked the show co-chairs and encouraged all the chairs to find an apprentice.

Karen Gibson, the library and garden club liaison, was absent, but wanted to request volunteers to speak at libraries located near the new location for the Spring Show.

Natalie reminded everyone of the raffle happening during the meeting and to buy a ticket.

Demetria pointed out pictures from the past open for all to view on the Show and Tell table and requested one volunteer for the late morning for the Highmark Expo happening on the 28th of October.

2:45 Show and Tell

3:03 Raffle time!

3:05 Lori introduces the speaker, Daryl Venables of Tezula Plants, who spoke about Tolumnia orchids.

4:24 Meeting ended.