

Orchid Society of Grater Kansas City
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2017

Treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance	\$ 15,517.75
Income from dues	440.00
Less fees for paypal	4.95
Rent paid	290.00
Deposit for Loose park	45.00
Ending Balance	\$15,617.80

The society has been operating at a deficit for several years now, even with cutting costs as much as possible. The biggest expenditure is the facility rental, but given what is included in that cost it is really quite reasonable. The society is looking at ways to increase revenue. Also under consideration is another facility to use. But there are lessons that have been learned in previous searches. If we use a library, no money can change hands, so no plant sales can occur.

The June meeting will be at Bird's Botanicals in the cave. The November meeting will be at Loose Park garden center.

There will be a fall plant sale at the September 10th meeting. Need members to donate plants for the society.

Cindy Hobbs has been working on welcoming new members to the society and getting them to feel welcome. They are introduced to other meembers for mentoring and someone to connect with at a meeting.

Mark Prout has written an article for Gardner's Connect as a way of generating publicity.

The Society had an exhibit in the St. Louis show. It won the Best in Show trophy for an Orchid Society. There were 34 plants that won 28 ribbons. 3 plants were pulled for consideration by the AOS.

The next show the society will participate in is the Orchid Society of the Ozarks show, March 3-5th at the Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks.

March 18-20 is the Springfield show

March 25-27 is the Mid America Orchid Congress show in Omaha.

Hospitality has two new volunteers.

April 23rd is the auction, there will not be a regular meeting in April. Volunteers are needed to help.

March meeting will be a panel discussion on preparing your plants to go outside for the summer.