

OSGKC Meeting Minutes 4/10/2022

2:14 Meeting called to order by Kristy Charland: (Attendance: 25 in person, 4 via zoom).

Take a look at Dragon's Blood as an option to help with Crown Rot.

Thanks to Diana Thomas for organizing hospitality and thanks to Crystal Remington and Cindy Meyer for bringing food.

2:15 Minutes from March were posted on the website. Dan Schlozman made a motion to approve, seconded by Ariel Paulson, Unanimous approval via the society.

Treasurer's report: End of Month March, 2022, We still have plenty of money!

- Beginning balance: \$22,483.21
- Income: \$30.00
- Expenses: \$425.88
- Ending balance: \$2,315.25

Guests: Via Zoom Barbara

2:17 Old Business:

1. Newsletter and Yearbook distribution-Louise Hicks: Everyone in attendance should have received a yearbook; if you live next to anyone please let us know if you would be able to help distribute. Lance Jessie has been printing for years, please sign the card to Thank him for all his hard work.
2. Update on shows-Jean Rogers: We did excellent at the past Springfield and Omaha shows. Please take a look at the pictures of the exhibit in the Newsletter. At Omaha we had 40 plants and 3 sculptures with 33 ribbons and also won best of class exhibit. Thanks to Louise and Gary for photo documenting all of the hard work. Wichita is April 29th through May 1st with some of the best vendors yet! Will send emails when the final plans are out.
3. AOS judging was yesterday April 9th; one of our members received an Award of Merit
4. Project Plants-Kristy Charland, Edgar Stehli replaced the frozen plants that were damaged back in December, please pick them up today if you need a replacement.
5. Auction-Jean Rogers, The Auction is scheduled for June 26th take a look at what you may have to donate to the auction which will be held at the Merriam Community Center.
6. Survey- Crystal Remington, In an attempt to increase the amount of members helping to set up and go to regional meetings we reviewed the survey results from the last meeting, Essentially Time is the #1 reason that people are unable to attend more shows, with travel and cost as additional reasons. There was unanimous support for supplementing travel costs to volunteers that help with shows
7. Susie Hanna motion to amend bylaws:
Motion to amend the Policies and Procedures (page 15) under Section R. Shows and Exhibits Committee:I move that we offer financial assistance to society members who participate in creating exhibits for the society at shows outside the Kansas City area. Participation includes transporting plants and/or materials, and/or helping to set-up and/or strike the exhibit. Members may apply to the chair of the Shows and Exhibits Committee for assistance. Up to \$100 may be allocated per household per show. The maximum expense per show to be determined by the board of directors. The granting of funds to members is dependent on budgetary constraints.

Brian Donavon seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

2:39 New Business:

Mike Rafferty: Conservation Chairman brings a lot of experience to the society. There are 2 main organizations: The American Orchid Society itself and The Kansas Natural Heritage inventory. Nationwide society identifies rare and endangered plants, building a database to monitor. The goal is to protect 12 local native species that are endangered or threatened. So the effort is important to protect the habitat. We are invited to organize a prairie walk, please look forward to emails about joining this adventure!!

2:46 Programs:Next meeting is May 8th with Charles Wilson to talk about bulbophyllums and June will be Orchids in the park and the Auction!

2:47 Meeting closed