

October 12, 2025

OSGKC Meeting Minutes

At 2:15 the meeting was called to order by the president Anh Rongish. 26 people attended. Thanks to Jeanne Smith for organizing hospitality and thank you to everyone who brought food.

Minutes from the September meeting were posted on the website. Martin Shelby made a motion to approve, seconded by Nancy Kasperek. The minutes were unanimously approved by the society.



Committee Reports:

Hospitality: Jeanne Smith discussed food needs for the upcoming show and passed sign-up sheets.

Nominating Committee: Katerina Jenkins reminded us that membership dues are due. \$25 for a single and \$30 for a family membership. Dues can be paid at the November or the December meeting. Katerina also reminded us that officers for 2026 will be voted on at the November meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Howell explained that because dues will be collected in 2025 for 2026 our balance sheet might look a little different. Our current balance at Capitol Federal is: \$33,201.58.

OSGKC Fall Show: Anh asked us to register plants for the show no later than Tuesday October 14. Bring plants to the arboretum by 11AM on Thursday the 16th, or take to Anh or Crystal.

Mike Rafferty, Show Chair, discussed parking at the arboretum. Our new name badges will get us free admittance to the Longhouse at the arboretum during the show. Mike thanked everyone who volunteered to help at the show.

No old business.

Open Forum: Anh and the entire membership wished Mark Prout a very Happy Birthday. Hospitality provided a cake.

Program: Our speaker was Robert-Jan Quene of Clearwater Orchid Laboratory. His subject was growing orchids from seeds. He discussed the many crosses he has done from seed, and the need for a sterile lab environment. He told us that each orchid seed pod can contain up to half a million seeds, and it takes a year to a year and half from seed to seedling, and more years from seedling to flower.

