

## Nov. 9, 2025, OSGKC Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order at 2:15p by Anh Rongish. Thank you to Jeanne Smith for organizing hospitality, and thank you to everyone who brought food.

Minutes from the October meeting were posted on the web site. Crystal Remington made a motion to approve, seconded by Nancy Kasperek. The minutes were unanimously approved by the society.

Anh reminded the membership that dues are due by the end of the year.

**Treasurer's Report.** Our current bank balance is \$34,210.

**Fall Show Recap.** Crystal discussed our display which was awarded best of class for the show. 22 members submitted plants and there were 21 Blue ribbons, 20 Red, 11 White, and 5 best of class ribbons.

Mike Rafferty, show chair, thanked the volunteers who made the show happen. He told us that the people at the arboretum were impressed with the show and hope to work with us for the show next year. Mike said that approximately 1000 people attended our show.

**Hospitality.** Jeanne Smith and all those who helped her with food for the show were recognized and applauded for all their hard work. They received rave reviews from the show vendors as well as society members. Jeanne reminded us that December is the Awards Banquet and Holiday party and passed around a sign-up sheet for food.

**Program for 2026.** Kristy Charland spoke about speakers we can look forward to in the new year. January's subject will be bulbophyllum. February: Novelty Phalaenopsis. March: The art of identifying and controlling insect pests.

**Raffle Plants.** There were 25 plants for the raffle, donated by Maui Orchid Whisperer, and won by Katerina Jenkins.

**Old Business.** The nominating committee, presented their slate of board members for 2026, and the membership unanimously approved

President: Anh Rongish

Vice President: Ariel Paulson

Treasurer Scott Howell III

Secretary: Barbara Hadel

**Open Forum.** Beth Martin was recognized as the new judging chair for Mid America judging center. Congratulations Beth!

**Program.** Our speaker, Judy Bailey, AOS Judge, spoke about "What Species Can Tell Us." She discussed the difference between species and hybrids, as well as the difference between sympodial and monopodial orchids and their different needs. She believes that if we can understand and duplicate their growing conditions in nature, we can get spectacular results. She told us that insects will starve on a healthy plant, and she advised us to "Experiment to find out what works for you."

