

Minutes of the March 2017 meeting of the Galveston Bay Orchid Society

Fr Ted Baenziger called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Refreshments were potluck.

Attendance: 16 members and 1 guest, who became a member: Luz Coussens. John Regner rejoined for 2017. Welcome to both of you!

Reports: None were made for the following – AOS, ODC, SWROGA

The treasurer reported that our bank balance (savings, checking + petty cash is \$9,979.22.

The speaker was Katherine Brown, who presented a talk about Keikis, both how they occur naturally and how instigate them on plants that you have.

We discussed the HOS show “Orchids in Space”. Members are to bring their plants to the Houston Museum of Natural Science on Friday, March 31. Your pots and plants should have your name and the plant name to ensure safe return to you. Please send your plant names ahead of time to Dave Malin at orkidfam@swbell.net (281-488-2452), plants should be clean, insect free, etc. Fr. Ted distributed some preparation tips – being sent with these minutes.

The GBOS picnic will be held at the home of Katherine Brown beginning at 11:00. It will be potluck – so please bring a dish. Guests are welcome – but please let Katherine know if you will be bringing someone. Bring plants to trade – but trading should be started after lunch.

Katherine’s contact info is -

5009 Inverness Dr., Baytown, TX 77521.

PLEASE NOTE PHONE # 318-243-3416, ksbrown208@hotmail.com.

Upcoming orchid shows: In Tyler, TX April 1-2, Calcasieu, La on April 22-23, Metarie. La on June 3-4. There will be an orchid workshop at the University of St. Thomas in August – more info to follow.

The plant raffle was managed by Harriet Davis.

Plant introductions were done by Dave Malin and Fr. Ted who announced the following results:

Winning Hybrid: Banfieldara Gilded Tower ‘Mystic Maze’ grown by Monty McGinnis

Winning Specie: *Vanda* (formerly *Ascocentrum*) *miniatum* grown by Harriet Davis