

## December 2009 Newsletter

**Meeting called to order:** 7:27pm

### **Stood for Pledge of Allegiance**

**Presidents report:** Tara Bartol

**1<sup>st</sup> order of business.** This is our election month. Tara announced the nominating committee's results for ballot and asked if there was anyone else wanting to be added to the ballots for office. No one else was added at this time. Election ballots are ; Tara Bartol for President, Mark Robinson for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Bob Cole & Gaither Kennel competing for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Gordon Oakley running for Treasurer, Sharon Snyder for Secretary.

Ballots were passed out by nominating committee.

**2<sup>nd</sup> order of business:** Tara thanked all of the volunteers for their hard work at our show. We had a 600 door count. This was a good turnout for a small show. We will be evaluating this at the show committee meetings to see where we want to go in future shows. Either two small shows per year or one large spring show and the smaller fall show. We will give a full report of how our show did at the January meeting.

Next month is our Christmas party. There is no meeting. It is still the third Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

Our next official meeting will take place in January. This is when our new officials will take their positions.

Back to our Christmas party. Tara will be making up a menu for our dinner. She will email out the foods that are being brought already and ask you to sign up to bring a menu dish. Please let her know as soon as possible so she can get bulletins out so we don't have so many duplicate dishes.

If you do not have email, she will be calling you to discuss what you can bring.

What we decided on at our last board meeting is...

John Piziak is bringing pulled pork

Jim Johnstone will smoke a turkey

Fred Tunderman - Hawaiian meatballs

Paul Bordenkichner - Italian meatballs

Gordon Oakley - Greek salad

Mark Robinson - sodas

Tara will make a list of the other items still needed and get it out as soon as possible.

We are doing a gift exchange. As in the past, IF you want to participate and receive a gift, please bring a wrapped gift. Females bring a female gift and males bring a male gift. Gifts may also be neutral. Be sure to mark them male or female. The spending limit is \$15.00. Rocks, slabs and self made jewelry have been a common gift in the past. Everyone likes to receive a good slab.

Again, the party starts at 6:30 on Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**1<sup>st</sup> V.P. report:** Bob Cole      No report

**2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. report:** Gaither Kennel      No report

**Treasurer report:** Jim Johnstone

All bills are paid. Jim gave current bank balance.

**Secretary report:** Michele Bogle

Michele was not present but did drop her ballot off prior to meeting.

I would like to say its been fun this past year, but am looking forward to Sharon taking this position. I think she will do a great job and I want to congratulate her. I will still be doing the mineral of the month articles for the newsletter, as well as other articles. Thank you to all who said they enjoyed reading the newsletter and articles. I think our newsletter has come a long way since I first joined the club and I am sure it will continue to get better.

**Show chairman:** Bill Meginley

Bill was absent for this meeting. A full report on our last show will be given by him at January's meeting.

**Education committee:** Gaither Kennel

As of last meeting, we are no longer offering faceting classes on a regular basis. We haven't had many students taking the faceting classes. But have had a lot of students for cabochon classes. Therefore, on Tuesday & Wednesday nights, we will be having cabochon classes in lieu faceting. Also on Saturday mornings, there will be no faceting classes. If anyone is interested in taking a faceting class, then you can contact Emilio Garcia or Fred Tunderman to make arrangements with one of them.

**Guests:** Gary Signs, came to our fall show.

**Bring and Brag**

Steve Treat brought a stone that his grandfather did in 1974. His grandmother entered it in the Minnesota State Fair in 1979 and won a blue ribbon for first premium creative activities. Nice!  
Thank you Steve for sharing that with us.

Lauren Kramer is going to be offering a class on 'Viking knit wire' she and Gaither will arrange the class schedule for this and let us know when we can sign up for it. Thank you Lauren!

**50/50** won by Gordon Oakley \$15.00

**Door Prizes**

Ed ????	Petrified wood	donated by Emilio Garcia
Ray Miller	Opalite	“ “
Gordon Oakley		
Fred Tunderman	Rose Quartz	“ “ Ray Miller
Bob Cole	Thunderegg	“ “ Ray
Miller		
Betty Summer	petrified wood	Emilio
Garcia		
Keith Woodard	Quartz	Ray
Miller		
Lauren Kramer	petrified wood	Emilio
Garcia		
Paul Hayes	rocks	
Emilio Garcia		
Sharon Snyder	rocks	

Henrick Allanson

Election Polls are in

Tara Bartol to remain President

Gordon Oakley is our new Treasurer  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice is Mark Robinson

Gaither Kennel is 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President with Bob Cole to act on his behalf in Gaithers' absence as this was a tie vote.

Sharon Snyder is our new Secretary.

Congratulations to all new Board members! New positions will begin in January.

Meeting adjourned for refreshments 8:05 pm.

Note from Michele;

If you've never attended our Christmas party, then this would be a good year to do so. It is a great time to get re-acquainted with older members, and we have several new members for you to meet. Business is not discussed. It's just good wholesome fun! So please come and join us. Merry Christmas to everyone!