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Newsletter of the Central Florida Mineral and Gem Society



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Shop Director: Byron Wertz

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Silversmith: John Piziak

Stained Glass: Emilio Garcia

Intarsia, Chase & Repousse:

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The Central Florida Mineral and Gem Society is a member of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies.

The CFMGS was established in 1961 and now has 94 members and sponsors two (2) large Mineral and Gem shows each year.

President's Report: The meeting was called to order at 7:46 pm on February 15th. The members did the Pledge of Elegance to the Flag.

To get more participation the general membership will be voting on all motions made. It is requested that there be no side talks while officers and members address the members present.

It was decided by the board to separate the Show Chairman position from the 1st VP.

Michelle has created a club facebook page so we can have discussions and show & tell, however she asks that members not load the site with all the items they are selling. It is better to have a link to your business site.

Michelle announced that we have a new silversmith instructor. Her name is Agnes Weessiess and she has mountains of experience. Agnes will be teaching formal classes next month. There will be four basic classes in metal work, then she will teach specialized classes such as Russian filigree and chain making. Schedule to be announced later. John Piziak is taking a rest as he is busy with the March show.

She asked for volunteers to help advertise the March show and to help at the show. Show committee meeting dates would be advertised by e-mail. We had poor turnout for the December show so we are advertising hard for March. We need our vendors to do well.

1st VP Report – John Piziak announced that we cannot get out of our lease until August. We are looking for our own property and will need donations for a good down payment. Our current rent is high and if we can't find our own property to buy we might have to look for a cheaper rental property. If you know of any please contact John.

2nd VP Report – No report

Treasurer Report: Winn Taylor asked that members needed to pay their 2011 dues

Secretary/Webmaster's Report: Gordon asked that pictures of the December Mineral show and other activities to put on the web site are needed.

Shop Director's Report – Byron had no information to report.

Show Chairman's Report – see 1st VP report.

Old Business

Revision of bi-laws is postponed until April.

New Business:

Fred Tunderman said he was putting a sign up poster on the wall so volunteers could sign up to help at the March show.

Gordon asked that members take flyers to put at their favorite restaurants, groceries, and gas stations.

There were few members present for the January meeting.

Bob Cole called ticket numbers for door prizes and 50/50

Michelle adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm and we had cake donated by Jim Johnston.

I, (Gordon) want to apologize for the errors and incompleteness of this newsletter. I accidentally erased the February newsletter before I posted it and had to redo it from memory. Since I have "Oldtimer's disease" this is what you have for the February newsletter.