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Newsletter of the Central Florida Mineral and Gem Society



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Silversmith: Tom Davis, John Piziak

Stained Glass: Emilio Garcia

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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.

April 19th 2011 meeting

Presidents report – Michele Bogle - Absent

1st Vice President – John Piziak

You may have heard that we are moving to a new location. Some members are surprised by this. This has been in discussion for the past several months as our lease is at a maximum affordable rate. Our lease is up in August and will increase. Our current landlord will not let us out of our current lease so we can make our move sooner. The new location is similar to what we have here. It is two spots side by side. It is a little larger per square foot than what we currently have. The location is on Drennen rd. off of Orange ave. just south of Michigan st. I-4 is just around the corner. It's a very nice location; a clean area. From Downtown, you go south on Orange ave. two lights past Michigan st. and turn right on Drennan, the building is on the right with us being the last row before the neighborhood begins. From south Orlando or Kissimmee, you would travel north on Orange ave. past Holden ave. and the Racetrac gas station. Turning left on Drennen rd.

The neighborhood beyond us is a very nice, well established community. Hopefully this will bring us new members. We will be just south of Belle Isle; we are hoping to get older members back that dropped out due to our current location.

2nd Vice President – Bob Cole

no report

Secretary (acting) - Michele Bogle\ Gordon Oakley

Gordon took notes for meeting minutes. Meeting minutes not complete due to running late.

Treasurer – Winn Taylor -Absent due to illness resulting in hospitalization. Our prayers and thoughts are with her for a speedy recovery.

**Report given by Fred Tunderman – Gave an account of our financial status. All bills are current with the exception of two. Gave a year to date report on our profits. Paid members to date is 126

members. This is paid memberships, we also have lifetime members that no longer pay dues. We have 20 members more since last meeting. In Winns' report; she stated alot of these members were gained from our show.

Show Chairman - John Piziak gave our April show financial report. Members not present for this meeting, and would like to know the financial report may contact John or our Treasurer Winn Taylor. Overall, the vendors were pleased with the turnout. They all did good, which was one of our goals. Our club suffered a profit loss. We took in less than half of what we normally do. This is due to having no shows from a few vendors and not filling building capacity. We sold 75 – 100 tables less than we normally sell. We rented the whole building as is our norm, but due to the December show; vendors didn't return for our spring show. With all the additional advertising, we projected a turnout of about 150 - 200 more people to attend. We had a total of 658 people attend. This is a ticketed door count.

We are hoping to have a better vendor attendance for our next show. Some vendors that did not return for this show have realized we went far beyond our norm in advertising and will continue to do so.

Our Advertising expense was way up. We advertised in five magazines. Three are new to our use. John gave account on coupons, flyers and post card returns.

We used the internet in many ways that was at no expense to us; other than our time. In the future, we will need more people to help out with internet advertising.

Fred Tunderman made some suggestions about 'hot dogs and rocks' as part of an advertising pitch. He also stated how exhausting it was prior to; and during the show.

The biggest problem we have is volunteers. With a club our size, we still cannot get enough people to help out in these areas.

It was discussed to keep the shows at half buildings; as with all the additional advertising we paid for;

our door was approximately the same as last Spring show. We had a huge improvement from the Fall show, but the costs in advertising didn't pay for itself. So we will look for more ways to advertise thru the internet.

John also discussed new Fairground rules regarding show setup. They will be setting the tables up. John told them about this past show having a lot of broken tables given to us, and that their people are not checking for this. We will still be able to go in on Friday morning and make changes and check tables for damaged ones.

The fall show is scheduled for the second week in November. This was at vendor requests.

General discussion –

Gordon Oakley spoke to a tax lawyer briefly regarding our non profit register. We should be converted to a 501C3, this would allow members or other people who donate to claim on their taxes. This is something that would have to be looked in to more as there was some disagreement on the matter. Other rock clubs have tried for this conversion in the past, and were turned down.

More discussion on our existing lease agreement.

We are looking for some one to teach basic silversmith in Agnes' absence. Tom Davis has agreed for this position. He is self taught and has a small studio at home where he plies his torch. He has done some casting as well as fusing different metals. He is also very patient with new students just starting out.

Gordon let everyone know he gave his resignation to our president, Michele. He is resigning as webmaster and secretary. Michele did convince him to keep his editors position. Linda Bycz has agreed to be our new webmaster. Thank you Linda. Gordon will show her the ropes before he completely bows out. There will be a post to all members explaining why he resigned his positions.

Therefore, we need a secretary as soon as possible.

Show and Tell – Emilio Garcia showed his 14k gold filled wire wrap. I am sure it was outstanding as is everything he does.

50/50 won by: Emilio Garcia

Door prizes won by: Well the first winner 'sounded' like Anna Ekert.

Oh, we have a name for the second winner, Jim Johnstone; he donated it back to the club. It was a moss agate.

Paul Hayes was our third winner.

I believe winner number four was Keith Woodward. Asking, "what is this?"

Fred won door prize number five.

Well, I heard Emilio speaking, so it must have been him to win number six. I guess.

Bob Cole won number seven. He stated; "This is pretty nice".

- ***A little note**** When the secretary or acting secretary is absent and has to rely on a recording; please mention names of winners so we will all know. ☺ Oh, I think I was off a winner. It sounded like a female won prior to who I thought might be Anna. So there were probably eight door prizes total. There you go.

From the President –

I still have not heard from anyone wanting to take over the fieldtrip coordinators' position. Please, we really need one of our members to step up and take this position. It will be a great benefit to our club. Since this is everyones club, it would benefit YOU to step into this position. If you're a member of this club, then I would hope you would want to aide in its benefit. We need some one who goes on regular fieldtrips that know areas to go to.

Also, we need a secretary. I have filled this position in the past. It's not that bad. You take notes, or record the meeting and compile it on paper. Send it off to the editor who turns it into a newsletter. Also, you may be asked to send out a post occasionally

from the president, and in rare instances, from instructors. General emails that go to the secretary are forwarded to the president and she answers them. Yes, I spend a lot of time on my computer. No wonder I can't get a mineral of the month article together. PLEASE PLEASE!! HELP ME

How many positions should one person expect to hold??

I have been digging into some of our files from the 60's and 70's. I will be talking about my findings at next meeting. See you there.

Michele Bogle