

CENTRAL FLORIDA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY, INC. MINUTES

November 14, 2016

GENERAL MEETING

President Sal Sansone called the meeting to order November 14th at 7:00 pm at the Pine Castle Women's Club, 5901 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32809. Other Board members present were: 1st Vice-President Thelma Craig, 2nd Vice-President Gordon Oakley, Treasurer Belinda Yarnell, Show Chairman Paul Hayes and Secretary Betty Sumner.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and added that we would have the meeting and then hold the election of officers for next year.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

She thanked everybody that brought pastry to the Show and the Volunteers that helped. The pastry was only \$157.50, down from \$259.20 at the Spring Show. She wished the following a Happy Birthday for the month of November: George Wood, Tony Prieto, Andriana Luke, Sarah Carmichael, Cynthia Simpson, Shurl Vanator, Tom Gordon, Laura Petrie, Sal Sansone, Betty Sumner and Eric May.

She announced that our Christmas Party would be December 12th, 6:30 pm at this location. She requested that everyone bring a covered dish. If you want a gift, bring a gift and put him, her or either on it. We will have food and alcohol drinks. We have thirteen new members and three are filling out applications now.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

He reported we have many new members present. Three have signed up tonight. For the 50/50, we have collected \$44 so the winner will receive \$22.

SECRETARY REPORT

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

She reported she doesn't have a full report as she was out of the country in Costa Rica for a week. She gave a brief financial report on the Show results but

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she didn't receive all the figures until this evening. In December, we will get the full income and expense reports for October and November.

SHOW CHAIRMAN REPORT

He reported thirty tables were sold for the April 28, 29, and 30, 2017 Show at the Armory. The deposit has been made to the Armory. There are a lot of things in the works.

He reported the carpet was cleaned. We need to order belts for the sanding machines. There has been talk about ordering another machine but he would rather get three sets of belts because of concern where we would put another machine.

The President added that we have a fully functioning Workshop with grinders, polishers and faceting machines. He pointed out the Instructors being John Piziak, Paul Hayes, Gordon Oakley, Emilio Garcia, Belinda Yarnell, Byron Wertz and Betty Sumner. Classes are \$6 per hour for use of equipment. We are paying rent and he would like to see members using the equipment.

WEB DIRECTOR REPORT

Paula Wilson reported the website has 2,250 plus hits. Over 65% of those hits are people in Russia. If anyone has items they want on the website, send e-mails to: cfmgsociety@gmail.com. We want suggestions and are also working to set up a kid's page. For members that have jewelry or related lapidary items, send the information to her as she is working to revamp the website. She asked if anyone is a website developer to let her know as it gets a little overwhelming with everything to do.

Scott Klein suggested that our Club be represented by renting a table at Shows with items to sell. The President answered that at the Fossil Show he did have a table with a petrified wood display. Scott reported when he went to North Carolina he got friendly with a man who would like to come to Florida and do fossil hunting in the rivers. He turned him on to three mines.

Paula requested if anyone brings children to the Christmas Party to let us know, as we want to have enough activities and a gift for them. Christmas Party is December 12th at 6:30 pm.

Paula reported that Stitches & Witches is having a meeting this Saturday. Director Leslie Horwarth explained that we normally have our meetings the last Saturday of the month but because of Thanksgiving we have moved it to this Saturday, the 19th. She will teach a technique in braiding that is similar to

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Kumihimo. Fibers will be available. We meet this Saturday at 10:00 am in the Workshop, 6100 S. Orange Ave, Suite 190A, for anyone that is interested.

OLD BUSINESS

John Piziak reported a problem with our Show has been the cost of getting an ATM machine. He and his son contacted an ATM representative and he will provide an ATM machine with 24-hour notice at no cost to the Club. Also, the Club will get \$1 donation back. He charges \$4 per transaction. He will drive as far as Plant City.

The President stated we must remember all our Volunteers. They help pay rent, Show activities and maintenance of our machines. Volunteers earn one-hour shop time for every four hours worked. Our next event will be the Orange County Fairgrounds in February. Volunteers must sign in and out or they will loose their shop time. Volunteers have six months to use up the shop time. The President explained what happens at the Fairgrounds for the new members. He pointed out they could bring one tray of items to sell while they were there. Our sluice is a big hit as well as the petrified wood display, which was made by Paula Wilson. We are a non-profit Club and can receive donations and give write-offs.

The President requested that e-mails go out to the new members giving them the Instructors name and telephone numbers and noting that Paul Hayes and John Piziak are the Workshop Foremen. He added, for the new people, if they knew something they wanted to teach to let him know

Scott Klein stated he would be in Tucson for sixteen days and offered to bring things back for anyone that wanted something.

Gordon stated the letters on a marquee sign is not attractive enough and suggested that we get a canvas sign that we could hang on both sides of the marquee. John has donated the trailer the marquee sets on and agreed to give us a bill of sale so we could get the trailer licensed.

NEW BUSINESS

Voting for election of Officers is for the positions of President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The 2nd Vice-President position is the only one being opposed.

Mr. Piziak made a motion that all positions unopposed be sworn in for the next term. Voting was unanimous with no nays.

Voting for Dave Granger as Treasurer was unanimous with no nays.

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While the ballots were being passed out for the 2nd Vice-President position, John Piziak, George Wood and Gordon Oakley gave a speech on their background activity as to why they would make a good 2nd Vice-President. The ballots were collected and the nominating committee of Bob Cole, Paula Wilson and Betty Sumner removed themselves from the room to count the ballots. Upon returning to the room, they announced that Gordon Oakley was the winner of the 2nd Vice-President position.

There was a unanimous vote to destroy the ballots, which will be done by Belinda Yarnell.

DOOR PRIZES

Door prizes were won by: Tom Douglas, Thelma Craig, Paul Hayes, Betty Sumner, John Piziak, Dave Manor and Jim Van Dam.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The President stated tables would be set up, there would be food donations, drinks and kid's gifts and activities. We will play bingo with prizes of a mineral and \$25 gift certificates. He wanted to see a lot of members at the party and they could bring whatever they liked.

SHOW AND TELL

Bob Cole showed a vintage bronze medal, which represents a piece in the bible. Jeri Cetroli showed a beautiful tiger-eye bracelet she made. Dave Manor brought in a bag of African and Murano glass beads. The African beads he is selling at \$6 per strand and the Murano beads are \$1 per strand. Liza Vorster gave a demonstration on how to cut out old t-shirts and make them into an apron using Bob Cole as the model. The cut off material can then be used as rags at the workshop.

50/50 DRAWING

Dave Manor won \$22.00.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Betty Sumner
Secretary