

CENTRAL FLORIDA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY, INC. MINUTES

April 10, 2017

GENERAL MEETING

President Salvatore Sansone called the meeting to order April 10th at 7:05 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, Treasurer Dave Granger and Secretary Betty Sumner. Absent: 2nd Vice-President Gordon Oakley.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

She stated there were eighty paid members and 65 people that have not paid their dues. She wished a Happy Birthday to: David Kayo, Rosa Santos, Dave Manor, Paul Hayes, Cameron Hickey, Jim Ingram, Gary Curtis, Mercedes DiNatale, Pamela Miller, Emmy Lin and Thomas Cook.

Our Show is April 28th, 29th and 30th and Volunteers are needed on Thursday the 27th to set up tables and on Sunday to tear down. Need Volunteers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to help in the kitchen, silent auction, kid's corner, sluice and front door. She requested donations of pastry and for them to be wrapped in saran wrap or small bags. She will mark the price on them. Volunteers have to sign in and out every day or they will not get their shop hours. For every four hours worked, Volunteers get one-hour shop time.

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

Gordon Oakley was absent. The President reported there were 18 in attendance.

SECRETARY REPORT

Nothing to report. Motion for the minutes of March 3, 2017 was requested but they had not gone out to members so this was postponed until the May meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

He gave a breakdown of the income and expenses, requesting that everyone keep in mind that he did not make a deposit of March monies until after the first of this month. The final figures for the Fairground totaled \$794.

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Discussion followed on the lack of customers at the Fair, location, three week Fair, shootings and fighting outside, no kid's day, inactivity at the sluice and Volunteer participation. Also the Police Department and the Wood Cutters declared they would not be attending next year. Bob Cole reported that the Coin people were not invited to participate in the Fair this year. The President questioned if it was worthwhile to participate next year.

The President stated that we would check with Mark Street Senior Center about holding a Show there for members only.

Jim Van Dam brought up about having three shows a year and to have one up North. He agreed to work with the Events Coordinator on this.

SHOW REPORT

The President reported that the front and auxiliary rooms are full. There are six people on the waiting list. We are paying \$374 for security in accordance to the rules of the Armory. Volunteers are badly at the Show. We need out-going Volunteers that will help Paula bring visitors to the hallway and auxiliary room. He thanked Thelma for taking over the Show because of Paul Hayes. He asked that everyone give a big hand for all the work she has done. Applauding followed.

He announced that George Wood is now the Show Chairman and he will work with his wife, Deb, to make it happen. Thelma will go back to doing the kitchen. For lunch there will be hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chicken salad and hotdogs. More help is needed in the kitchen. Karen Carmona volunteered to help in the kitchen.

WEB DIRECTOR

No report.

FACEBOOK

The President reported that Deb Wood has added many pictures of our events and gemology on Facebook. We tried Facebook's advertising called boost and we've gotten over 3,200 people for a cost of \$18. The advertising includes our coupon that can be used at the Show entrance door for \$1 off admission.

EVENTS COORDINATOR

Paula Wilson announced that we have speaker John McIntosh tonight. On May 8th we are having our annual auction and summer picnic. She requested that members bring their kids, families and money. This is for member appreciation

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and the Club will supply the drinks and some food. This function will be from 6:30pm to 9pm.

April 1st we participated in the Cattle Baron's Ball, which was a cancer fundraiser and to get our name out there. With the sluice, members wore western theme clothes. It was a lot of fun.

April 22nd is Earth Day at Lotus Park in Altamonte Springs and is a family event. We will offer kid's activities and the sluice. This is our first event with them and they estimate 3,000 people will attend. It will put the Club out there, as well as the Bead and Wire Guild.

The Bead and Wire Guild meet on May 13th and May 27th. At the first meeting of the month, we start a new project and on the 27th some members will complete their project. We start at 10am on May 13th at the Workshop.

WORKSHOP

Need help to clean up the Workshop. The backroom at the Workshop needs cleaning and painting, as it is a social room. The Workshop is not all business.

The Johnson Brothers are doing our sanding wheels at \$20 each. It helps that we are a 501(c)3.

CONTRACT

The President reported we needed to sign a two-year contract for the Workshop building with a 3% increase every year. If we have to break the contract, it will cost \$500. Voting was unanimous approval to sign the contract.

He added that we have 80 to 100 members. The building is for members to come in socialize, not just to cut stones. We bought a geode cracker. Question arose for the Workshop to be open in the evening as a lot of members work daily. Members need to call Gordon Oakley, Dale Angel, Tom Gordon or Sal Sanson and make an appointment for evenings. Telephone numbers are listed on our website: www.cfmg.org. Gordon does Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Dale does Wednesday and Saturday.

SPONSOR PROGRAM

Gordon had a student, Matt FitzGibbon, who completed classes and then donated \$1,000. This is a good achievement for Gordon. Sponsors who donate \$100 and up receive a certificate.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Van Dam questioned the status of field trips. The President explained that Jim Ingram is not feeling well as he just got out of the hospital. Discussion followed on various trips members would like to make; such as, Graves Mountain in Georgia, Montana and South Arkansas crystal and diamonds.

John McIntosh reported for twenty years he had been giving Boy and Girl Scouts geology and merit badges. The President announced that he was making John an Honorary Member of the Club. Our Boy Scouts that need geology badges can no longer get them, as David Brokhow is not well. The President proposed that John meet at the workshop with the Boy Scouts on a Saturday from 11am to 1pm. Discussion followed.

DOOR PRIZES

Door prizes were won by: Bob Cole, Dave Granger, Betty Sumner, Paula Wilson, George Wood, Miriam Troya, Jim Van Dam, Sal Sansone, Thelma Craig, Jim WhiteRaven, Debby Nowak, Jesse Stanley, Kirk Colebank, Edith Stanley and John McIntosh.

50/50 DRAWING

Tickets sold totaled \$26. The winner, Debby Nowak, received \$13.

SHOW & TELL

Bob Cole attended a coin show this past weekend and sometimes they have things other than coins. He purchased a magalodon shark tooth. It was in excellent condition.

Paula Wilson reported one of the activities for the kids is a mystery box. She showed an egg, which will be filled with a puzzle, etc. Not minerals as they are in the sluice.

Karen Harlow showed beautiful jewelry she made of garnets and sterling silver.

Jesse Stanley reported he was looking for an easier way to polish stones. He displayed pads he purchased on Ebay. They are made to go into a 3/8" quarter drill and attached. He polishes stones in the sink, under water, and polishing

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takes no more than ten minutes. It's a quick easy polish without a lot of effort. His entire set, including the chuck, costs no more than \$30. The pads come in grits up to 3,000.

8:10 pm The President said it was time for refreshments and cake followed by John McIntosh making his presentation on minerals from Pakistan. He asked people to make their last bid for the silent Auction.

PRESENTATION BY JOHN MC INTOSH

At 8:20 pm John introduced himself, stating his store is Ancient Artifacts and Treasures in Winter Park. He has believed in education for a number of years. He is on his Instagram four or five times a week, mostly on minerals and this goes onto his Facebook page. He showed a video on the many minerals of Pakistan, their location and his display of many of those minerals. He also had three trays of minerals for sale, which was enjoyed by everyone present.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40 pm the meeting was adjourned for the Silent Auction.

Betty Sumner
Secretary