

CENTRAL FLORIDA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY, INC. MINUTES

July 10, 2017

GENERAL MEETING

President Salvatore Sansone called the meeting to order July 10th at 6:55 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 Dave Granger and Secretary Betty Sumner.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT REPORT

The President welcomed everyone to the July meeting. Tonight we will have a short meeting and then an auction. He stated the Workshop renovation is done and there would be an open house in two weeks. The Workshop is open and we would like to have members use it.

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

She wished the following a Happy Birthday: Justin Mangsen, Jimmy Mallory, Michael Conwell and Dana New. She reported that we have 96 members.

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

He reported there were 18 regular members present and one visitor, Janet Sahlman, who is in the process of joining. Applauding followed.

SECRETARY REPORT

We have advertised with over 100 sites. A budget of \$300 maximum has been set for each Show. We have paid \$69 for advertising under Festivals and Events. They will start distributing to newspapers, TV and radio Stations, regional magazines and journalists. We are going to advertise with WhoFish.

Tom Cook stated that the website looked better with the pictures added. This is thanks to Debi Wood.

WEBSITE & EVENTS

Paula Wilson reported the website is up but some links need to be relaunched. If anyone has comments or would like to help, contact her through e-mail: yelw1@aol.com. She added that the nuts and bolts still had to be worked on.

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For events, a field trip is planned to Venice Beach on Saturday July 15th for shark teeth. George added that anyone had an idea for a field trip for August to let Paula know.

BEAD & WIRE GUILD

The President stated the Guild needed to be at the Workshop to start decorating. It's a beautiful Workshop. He said, "Lets make it great and use it. It's your Club House."

TREASURER'S REPORT

He gave the financial report. He reported there were three items that went to the old rental place and this would be changed this month.

WORKSHOP

Dave Manor stated with our wonderful new Workshop, he would like to have a two-for-one special, making the Workshop use cost for two hours for one hour special at \$3. We need members in the door to use the Workshop. It's up to the Board if they want to do this.

It was explained that the machines are ready for members to do faceting, silversmithing, cutting stones, gem trees, wire wrapping and Kumihimo. We have instructors and members can bring in their stones or some are available to purchase. We also have tutorial CDs. Call the Instructor to set a date and time and they will meet at the Workshop.

The President announced that we would try the \$3 per hour as a temporary measure to get members into the Workshop. This will be temporary as the wheels cost \$120 per wheel to replace. The Workshop is air-conditioned and renovation has been finished. Discussion followed.

SOCIAL HOUR

Paula suggested starting a social hour on Friday or Sunday. Discussion followed and Lisa Manor and Paula agreed to start the Social Hour.

SCOUTS

The President reported he is in the process of being certified with the Scouts to give merit badges for geology. Ashley Mason-Burns stated she is certified for giving mammal merit badges. She asked if we were associated with other groups like the FFH. She suggested targeting our audience; like having a fossil or gem blast to draw more people. Discussion followed.

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OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

SHOW CHAIRMAN

George Wood reported that fourteen people have signed up for the Show and have paid money. We are having a kid's scavenger hunt with four stations. Kids will get a map and sticker to say they were at each station. They will get arrowheads, shark teeth, petrified wood and minerals with a description of each. We need Volunteers for the October 6th, 7th and 8th Show. Flyers are available for distribution by members

The President pointed out that the Volunteers from the last Show need to come to the Workshop and use their hours earned.

SHOW & TELL

Bob Cole stated that everyone has heard of green and blue turquoise and now buffalo turquoise and displayed a signed piece with black intrusions in white stone that he was wearing. He picked it up last week at an estate sale.

50/50 DRAWING

Tickets sold totaled \$38. The winner, Jesse Stanley, won \$19.00.

DOOR PRIZES

Door prizes were won by: Ashley Mason-Burns, Dave Manor, Tom Douglas, Nicole O'Brien, Thelma Craig, Naomi O'Brien, Paula Wilson, Jeri Cetrolu, Dave Granger, Dale Angel, Jesse Stanley, Janet Sahlman, Nalana O'Brien, Mercedes Dinatale, Bob Cole, Chris Dinatale, Giselle Carbona, Tom Cook and Ritchie Juchniewicz.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:35 pm

Betty Sumner
Secretary