

CENTRAL FLORIDA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY, INC. MINUTES

May 8, 2017

GENERAL MEETING

President Salvatore Sansone called the meeting to order May 8th at 6:40 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. 2nd Vice-President Gordon Oakley arrived late.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT REPORT

The President welcomed and thanked everyone for attending our May meeting. He stated we would have a short meeting, picnic and then auction. This is held in appreciation for all members and Volunteers who have helped at all our events.

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

She thanked everyone that volunteered and brought pastries to the Show. \$191.26 was brought in on the pastry. We have 90 paid members as of tonight. She wished a Happy Birthday to: Debi Wood, Adrienne Marino, David Granger, Rick Spechler, Thelma Craig and Allen Budd.

SECOND VICE-PRESENT REPORT

Absent. (But he did arrive later.)

Visitors Owen and Karen Dickinson were welcomed.

SECRETARY REPORT

She reported there was a technical problem with her computer so the minutes have not gone out for March and April but that her nephew, Dan, was working on a solution. She presented a work schedule for Instructor's classes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

He reported that all expenses received have been paid for the Show. We have received donations totaling \$1,250. He gave a detailed report on income and

expenses. The 1st Vice-President requested an expense balance on the purchase of ice, as the Armory's ice machine was broken.

The President reported he has been buying and selling minerals. We made about \$600 during the Show's Silent Auction. Now, we have good items to sell and people are buying.

SHOW CHAIRMAN

We have started on the October 6th, 7th and 8th Show. Nine dealers have signed up and made down payments. The President added that Security personnel and the ATM machine have been secured for the October Show. As long as nobody cancels, the front room is full. We have ten tables sold in the Auxiliary Room. He asked for members input for the Show so we can get more Volunteers to help. We need Volunteers for sign holders. We pay them by the hour and give them food, drinks and make sure they have vests. (Gordon Oakley arrived.)

The President added that we have to pay extra for the National Guard maintenance, which was \$480 and Securing \$375 and building set up. We pay about \$1,900. For the Spring 2018 Show we will go to \$90 per table. The Auxiliary Room will stay at \$65 per table. Discussion followed on the provided tables, which are plastic, and Dealers cannot use their lights on them. It was determined to stay with all wood tables.

NEW BUSINESS

The President reported that he has had calls to use the new location for the extra Show. The problem is that we are not getting Volunteers. The three weeks straight at the County Fairgrounds was too long so we will cut this event out. They are not getting the crowds like they use to. We need a way to advertise the Auxiliary Room better than we have. Paula Wilson worked the sign to the Auxiliary Room well and the handouts showing the flow of traffic was not followed. He confirmed that we would stop pursuing another Show location.

Lesley Horwarth suggested having a drawing or small gift available in the Auxiliary Room, which would draw Visitors there. After discussion, it was decided to call the Auxiliary Room, Room B.

The President announced that the Bead and Wire Guild would be in the Kid's Corner, as well as demonstrations. We need members to participate more in our events. Dinosaur World was a big hit with kids.

Visitor Chuck Waryk stated he found us on the web. His oldest sons attend the Gem Society in Brevard County. Chuck said he brought back some interesting pieces from Afghanistan. He was encouraged to bring them in.

DOOR PRIZES

Door Prizes were won by: Lesley Horwarth, Anne Piziak, Kirk Colebank, Ashley Mason-Burns, Tom Cook, Liza Vorster, Jeri Cetroli, Dave Manor, Thelma Craig, Karen Harlow, Chuck Roux and Tammy Dippenworth.

SHOW & TELL

Paula Wilson showed a beautiful star garnet ring of Lesley's made with sterling silver.

Jeri Cetroli showed a smart-looking blue opal ring that was made by Dale Angel.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:20 pm for refreshments and auction.

Betty Sumner
Secretary