CENTRAL FLORIDA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY, INC. MINUTES

November 13, 2017

GENERAL MEETING

President Salvatore Sansone called the meeting to order November 13th at 6:35 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 and Secretary Betty Sumner. Absent: Treasurer Dave Granger

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT REPORT

The President welcomed everyone to the November meeting and party.

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

She wished the following people a Happy Birthday for the month of November: George Wood, Lani Jordan, Adriana Luke, Ti' Jana Rogers, Sarah Carmichael, Tom Gordon, Sal Sansone, Scott Lin, Debby Nowak, Betty Sumner, Sarah Carvajal, Brittany Flax and Shurl Vanator. Applauding followed. She thanked everyone for bringing in the food for the party.

She announced membership dues are payable by the end of January. If not paid by then, members would be removed from the roster.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

He has locked in April 6th, 7th and 8th, 2018 for our next Show and September 21st, 22nd and 23rd for our Fall Show. Twenty-one people have signed in tonight but more are present. One visitor present: John Dippenworth.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of our Treasurer, the President gave a brief Financial Report.

SECRETARY REPORT

She had nothing to report.

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SHOW CHAIR REPORT

The President reported we have locked in the Show dates for April and September 2018. The September dates are before all the big shows start in accordance to John Piziak and Bob Chapman. The first room is 80% full. The Auxiliary Room is half booked.

WEBMASTER REPORT

Gordon Oakley reported he is slowly learning to use the Work Press program used on the website. We use the old operating program for Go Daddy but the past Webmaster changed it to Word Press and is the most popular to use.

MINUTES OF AUGUST AND OCTOBER

The minutes of August 14th and October 9th were unanimously approved.

EVENTS REPORT

Paula Wilson is not here to give a report.

The President stated that next month, December 11th, we would have our Christmas Party. If anyone wants to receive a gift, they must bring in a gift. Also bring in a covered dish for the party. He will bring in the alcohol.

INSTRUCTORS REPORT

John Piziak had nothing to report.

Gordon reported that all the machines are working. We have two different types of faceting machines: Graves and Raytech. He bought \$100 worth of silver, which members can buy per foot, at our cost, to learn silversmithing.

Jim Ingram will start teaching soapstone carving in January.

50/50 DRAWING

Gordon reported that \$58 had been collected. Nicole O'Brien was the winner of \$29.

The President announced that something new is starting. The Board and Club want to thank everyone for all their work on behalf of the Club. Naomi O'Brien won the winner of this special drawing of a large Amethyst, with stand.

DOOR PRIZES

Door prizes were won by: Betty Sumner, Jim Ingram, Nalana O'Brien, Liza

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Vorster Manor, Tom Douglas, Naomi O'Brien, Dr. Tammy Dippenworth, Rick Marshall, Joseph Farriella, Patti Farriella, Rick Marshall, Dave Manor, Jiselle Cardona, John Piziak, Nicole O'Brien, Jim Van Dam. Mercedes Dinatale and John Dippenworth.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President stated that positions open are 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. He called for nominations from the floor for each position.

The President called for nominations from the floor for 1st Vice-President position, which is held by Thelma Craig. There were no new nominations. Thelma Craig will stay in this position.

The President stated that the 2nd Vice-President is Gordon Oakley but he is not running. Tom Douglas is running for this position and the President called for any other nominations. There were none. Tom has been qualified by the Nominating Committee and is our new 2nd Vice-President.

The President called for nominations from the floor for the Secretary position, which is held by Betty Sumner. There were no new nominations. Betty Sumner will stay in this position.

The President called for nominations from the floor for the Treasurer position, which is held by Dave Granger. There were no new nominations. Dave Granger will stay in this position for the next three years and this was unanimously approved.

The President stated that his position is a two-year term and next year he would be up for re-election.

SHOW & TELL

Tom Douglas expressed thanks to Gordon for teaching him faceting. He was working on faceting opals Saturday and Sunday with beautiful results from his displayed opals.

Jim Ingram showed his Ice Cube Quartz that he wire wrapped as a package. It was appreciated for it's nice quality and wrapped. He also displayed a beautiful clear garnet in the shape of a huge teardrop that he cabbed and it belongs to the Club. The Club has many more rough garnets. The President stated that Byron Wertz and John Piziak are Master Instructors who approve all Instructors. Jim Ingram was made a Temporary Instructor for cabbing and soapstone carving until he is approved by the Master Instructors.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Betty Sumner, Secretary