

CENTRAL FLORIDA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY, INC. MINUTES

February 13, 2017

GENERAL MEETING

President Sal Sansone called the meeting to order February 13th at 6:45 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 February meeting. We will have a Celebration of Life for Paul Hayes tonight. Speaker tonight will be Bill Gusgafson.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

She wished Happy Birthday to the following people: Patricia Jimenez, Byron Wertz, Keria Ballard and Jim Van Dam. Volunteers are needed for the Fairground in March and the Show in April. The Fairground is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. We have a sign-up sheet for Volunteers and an e-mail will be sent with dates and hours. Volunteers can bring one tray of their items to sell and they take their tray when they leave. We have 74 paid members. Fifty-seven have not paid their dues.

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

He reported 24 members present and two visitors: Paloma Hernandez, Dan Hayes, Cyndi Earlywine and Bill Gusgafson.

SECRETARY REPORT

The minutes of January 9, 2017 were unanimously approved.

SHOW CHAIRMAN REPORT

The President reported that Thelma and he are filling this position. The front room is full. ATM machine will be at the Show and thanks were extended to John

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Piziak and his son Pete for setting this up. Security will be present. Volunteers are needed Thursday through Sunday. Donations of pastry are needed.

WEBSITE ACTIVITIES

Paula Wilson reported there was a sign-up board going around for Volunteers for the Fairgrounds and the April Show. She will be at the Shop on Wednesdays and Thursdays and Volunteers can sign up on the blackboard in the Shop. At the Fairgrounds we will be located in a different section. We will be by the East entrance. For every four hours volunteered, one-hour Shop time will be given. She encouraged everyone to enter two handmade items per category at the Fair. The deadline is February 18 and your entry items need to be delivered by February 25th.

The President states that we have been invited by the City of Altamonte Springs for their Earth Day Celebration April 22nd. We have been given three tents, which we do not have to set up or break down. The sluice has been requested. Bead and Wire Guild will have a tent. Their banner has been approved and should be in the final stage by the end of the week. Two hundred people up to a few thousand attend.

April 1st there will be a _____ with Western Miner theme at the Fairgrounds and our sluice is wanted. Donations will be \$15 to \$100 per sluice bag. Good specimens are needed. Donations from members are appreciated. It's a worthwhile event. Liza Manor will be leaving March 20th on a hike on the Appalachian Trail for a total of 2,189 miles. She will be posting her experiences on Facebook website.

Paula asked for comments on the website so we can see what needs to be done and improved. Comments should be sent to: cfmgsociety@gmail.com.

INSTRUCTORS REPORT

Gordon Oakley is at the Workshop from Monday through Thursday and on Friday until noon. Tom Gordon is available in the evenings and on Saturday by appointment based on mutual agreement. Paula Wilson will be covering the Workshop Wednesday and Thursday. Emilio Garcia will be present on the second and fourth Saturdays. Betty Sumner will be available on Friday and Saturday for wire wrapping. Dale Angle are available for silversmithing in the afternoons.

Lesley Horwarth reported that next Saturday she would have a class on a spiral beading rope. We meet the second and fourth Saturdays. We have sixteen members and it's a lot of fun.

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The President stated a budget is needed so we can get the machines back up to par.

Thelma reported there were quite a few Volunteers that earned Workshop hours from the last Show and they need to use their hours before the April Show or lose them.

MARKETING REPORT

Trish Jimenez had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The President pointed out the Turquoise gem tree displayed on the table that the Club made in honor of Paul Hayes and his family. After the meeting there will be a Celebration of Life for Paul.

50/50 DRAWING

Gordon reported that \$48 was collected. Rosa Santos won \$24.00.

DOOR PRIZES

Door prizes were won by: Jim Whiteraven, Liza Manor, Mercedes