

CENTRAL FLORIDA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY, INC. MINUTES

August 14, 2017

GENERAL MEETING

President Salvatore Sansone called the meeting to order August 14th at 7:10 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 August meeting. After our meeting we will have a presentation by John McIntosh on fluorescent minerals and a Silent Auction.

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

She reported we have 102 members. She wished the following people a Happy Birthday: Sarah Carfield, Linda Bycz, Taylor Pfohl, Stephen Brennen, Tammy Dippenworth, Belinda Yarnell, Emilio Garcia, Debby Nowak, Richie Juchniewicz and Anna Eckard.

She announced our Show is coming up in October. We need volunteers and pastries. She will have the sign up sheet for volunteers for the Show next month. A sheet of paper was passed around for members to volunteer.

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

He reported there were 21 members present and no visitors. A new member, Rick Marshall, was present. \$36 has been collected for the 50/50 prize.

SECRETARY REPORT

She reported many advertisements have gone out to companies and clubs. We have paid Festival & Events \$69 for more advertising to: Sunday, Daily and weekly newspapers, TV and radio stations, regional magazines and journalists. The minutes of July 10, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

He reported that we have had additional expenses in renovating the Workshop. He gave a detailed financial report.

SHOW CHAIRMAN

George Wood reported that the front room is full. For the Auxiliary Room we are waiting to find out if John Hammond is taking six tables. There are still four tables left in the Auxiliary Room. Another person from Apopka sent a contract for two tables.

The President added that we have Show security and the ATM secured. Volunteers are needed for setting up and cleaning after the Show. We have limited the number of tables to six per person to enable us to get done Sunday night by 7pm. Dave Granger reported that Parker Events have to return his call on the tables.

Visitor's admission is \$5 but with the Club's coupon it's \$4. Scouts in uniform are free admission. We do have a certified person that can do the geology merit badges for them. John McIntosh added that it takes about one hour to complete.

Volunteers are needed for the Scavenger Hunt.

Question was asked about the Auxiliary Room as a member has a small table and wanted to know if she could bring a freestanding agate display. The President answered that anything that helps in the Auxiliary Room would be approved. He added that the Auxiliary Room pays for the National Guard Sergeant and Security.

We will contact the Armory and check on the condition of the ice machine and have the coke and snack food machines removed from the hallway for our Show.

The President asked Lesley Horwarth if the Bead & Wire Guild ladies would be ready to cover the Kid's Corner and do demonstrations.

Dave Manor stated we are in dire need of sign holders. They are given drinks and lunch. They need to be 18 years old. He proposed that if a member holds a sign for one hour that they get two free Workshop hours, if approved by the Board. The President added that four sign holders are needed and that vests are provided for them. We do see the number of visitors increase with sign holders. Jesse Stanley agreed to sign up. The President stated we get between 800 to 1000 visitors per Show. The Fossil Club only gets between 600 to 800 visitors.

Next year the tables are going up to \$90 because the Armory cost has increased. Discussion followed on the cost of booths and tables at other shows.

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We have a lot of sluice bags ready for the Show. It was proposed to drop the sluice bag price from \$4 to \$3, although we have a lot of quality stones in them.

Thelma stated that volunteers needed to sign in and out each day or they would not get their Workshop hours. Only one line needs to be entered for each of the four days.

It was noted that e-mails going out to members have a counter and we know who reads or opens them.

Paula Wilson recommended that everybody copy our advertisement for the Show, go to: orlando.craigslist.org, and list it under their own account. We need more people to see this advertising and think that it's really something good.

EVENT COORDINATOR

Paula reminded everyone that Open House is Saturday, 10am to 3pm, to show off the Workshop renovation and store featuring the museum, fossils, gems, minerals and the Bead & Wire Guild. We will have a young lady from Tampa that will show her unique and lovely jewelry and will live stream our open house and show us how. We will be able to have our auctions from the Workshop. She recommended that members invite everyone they know including their friends on Facebook.

WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS REPORT

Gordon Oakley reported that all the machines are working. He is open on Monday nights from 5pm to 9pm. If anyone extra is needed, Dale or Betty is available. The President added that if anyone wants to come in the evenings the Workshop is open at 5pm. The President added that Instructors do not get paid for their time. He suggested that members bring kids with them when they wanted to use the Workshop.

AUCTION

The President announced that there would be another auction next month, September. We are trying to clean out the storage unit and would like the members to have first option. The meeting and auction will be from 6:30 pm to 9 pm. The storage unit costs \$95 per month. We have two big saws in it and charge for using it. The saws have 14" and 16" blades and have a large auto feed and are fast. The whole storage complex is having electric problems right now.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Paula proposed, that since we have a new activity room, we have a jewelry show and charge people to come in. We would invite local boutiques to come in. This would give our Club more exposure. We could have a jewelry show before Christmas or Thanksgiving. Two models would go around the room carrying handmade jewelry, which would make the Club more visible to the public and community. We could offer profits to the cancer society. It will be a community event that will benefit all of us by showing items we make. We need volunteers and members to spread the word to their friends.

For the Kid's Corner there will be a ball of whacks, which you will see at the Open House Saturday. Also, we will have magnetic sand, word puzzles and other things for kids to do.

DONATIONS

The President thanked Jesse Stanley for donating Cherry Plume Agate and Chromium Petrified Wood, which will go into our museum in our Gift Shop.

DOOR PRIZES

Door prizes were won by: Sal Sansone, Chuck Roux, Paula Wilson, Jesse Stanley, Sylvia Tortolini-Mangsen, George Wood but he donated it back to the Club, Justin Mangsen, Lesley Horwarth, Tom Douglas, Debby Nowak and Tammy Dippenworth.

50/50 Drawing

The ticket sales totaled \$36. The winner, Sylvia Tortolini-Mangsen, won \$18.00.

SHOW & TELL

John McIntosh of Ancient Artifacts and Treasurers reported there was a display of his minerals in the new Pandora trip at Disney's World of Avatar.

ADJOURNMENT

The President stated we would have refreshments, a presentation on fluorescent Minerals by John McIntosh and then the Silent Auction. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:55pm.

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PRESENTATION

8:10 pm John McIntosh, of Ancient Artifacts & Treasurers in Winter Park, gave a description of what fluorescent minerals are, what causes fluorescents and how they work. All minerals consist of atoms. When they change atoms, they give off energy, like an ultraviolet light. A whole universe of light we cannot see. He proceeded to show the beautiful fluorescent colored lights displayed on many minerals, which he had brought with him. If you want a fluorescent group list or reference books, he will send this information upon request.

8:35 pm Silent Auction followed with great results.

Betty Sumner
Secretary