

# **CENTRAL FLORIDA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY, INC. MINUTES**

January 8, 2018

## **GENERAL MEETING**

President Salvatore Sansone called the meeting to order January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 pm at the Pine Castle Women's Club, 5901 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32809. Other Board members present were: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Thelma Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Tom Douglas, Treasurer Dave Granger and Secretary Betty Sumner.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PRESIDENT REPORT**

The President welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2018. He hoped everyone had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT**

She wished the following people a Happy Birthday for the month of January: Chris DiNatale, Joy Fox, Bruce Douglas, Geoff Miller, Patty Greene, John Piziak, Jan Stephens and Dennis Guy. She reported we have 45 members for 2018. For those that have not paid their dues, they are payable by the end of January.

## **2<sup>ND</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT**

He reported 16 members have signed in for tonight.

## **SECRETARY REPORT**

She reported working on the advertising for the April Show.

## **MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2017**

The December 11<sup>th</sup> minutes were unanimously approved.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

He gave a brief report on the month of December Financial Report and End-of-Year Report for 2017.

## **WORKSHOP ADDITION**

The President reported we received a wonderful deal from a bead store closing in Altamonte Springs. We purchased a glass display for the front window and a

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glass cabinet display case to which we will add wheels. Last month we purchased a mineral collection, which we have already started recovering our expense. He would like to see more members coming in to use the Workshop and equipment. We will have a bargain coming up shortly.

### **SHOW REPORT**

The President reported we are full so far except for one table in the hallway. We have a waiting list of twelve people. We lost about \$1,200 when the Armory took away the backroom. The back room use to cover the cost of security and the cleaning guard.

Gordon Oakley reported we do have a Fall Show date in September but this will not work with some Vendors so we are working on an October date for the first part of October.

Thelma added that we need Volunteers for the April Show for setting up and closing. Also we will need pastries.

### **WEBSITE REPORT**

Gordon reported it was up and running.

### **FACEBOOK REPORT**

Facebook is working.

### **EVENTS REPORT**

Paula Wilson is not present. The President stated our Show is April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a Show at Lake Lotus Park on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, on Maitland Blvd. This will be an educational display. Many people attended last year and used our sluice. They have at least 40 Vendors. Our booth is limited to ten people.

### **INSTRUCTORS**

Gordon reported he is at the Workshop on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings. He has a silversmith student for next Monday night. Dale Angel and Jim Ingram will take care of the other mornings. We need Instructors who can open every morning and evening. Instructors are Gordon, Dale, Jim, John, Betty, Tom Gordon and Emilio Garcia who is a master craftsman

The President reported we are working on giving a deal to any new member by giving one hour free and a slab. The Workshop is the members place and he invited all members to come and use it. We have Instructors for faceting, silversmithing, cutting and polishing cabochons, wire wrapping and gem trees. He reported we are looking into activities where we will give out prizes for each lapidary category: cabbings, gem trees, silversmithing, faceting and wire

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wrapping. The work must be done in the Workshop. A ribbon and prize will be given. It is open to amateurs and masters. Three people from the audience will be the judges. We are about creating, not only cutting rocks. Jim Van Dam added that when you get your new stone wire wrapped you are tripling the price of your stone. He advised members to show people what they do as it is good advertising for the Club.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jim Van Dam reported he is having a Home Show Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 6 pm. His prices will be 30% to 45% under wholesale. He has items from \$1 to \$25,000.

The President added that he has generously donated over thirty gemstones displayed on the table for members to bid on with many starting at \$1.

### **50/50 DRAWING**

Tom reported that \$16 was collected. The winner, Thelma Craig, collected \$13.

### **DOOR PRIZES**

Door prizes were won by: Jim Van Dam, Thelma Craig, Gordon Oakley, Dennis Guy, Sal Sansone donated his to Tina Martin, George Wood, Tina Martin, Cherie Douglas, Dave Granger, Deb Nowak, Lesley Horwarth and Bob Cole.

### **SHOW & TELL**

Tom Douglas had a rock and wanted to know what it was. He thought it might be amazonite. Discussion followed.

The President announced the Tomoka Gem & Mineral Club was having a Show in Deland, FL, January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Betty Sumner  
Secretary