

Olathe Gem & Mineral Society
Board Meeting Notes
November 29, 2016

Call to order: 7:20 p.m.

Attendance: Norm Onnen, President
Larry Wells, Vice President
M. John Robinson, Membership Chair
Barbara Crompton, Treasurer
Spring Wittmeier, Secretary Designate
Tom Lorenz, Immediate Past President

President's report:

- 1) M. John and Spring continue to work on the new website.
- 2) December Christmas party details: 45 confirmed as of this meeting date, 12/10/16 at 5:30 p.m. at the HyVee on 119th in Olathe, KS, \$5.00 per person (club pays the difference), bring 1 wrapped gift per person valued at \$10.00 or less.
- 3) Review and approve RMFMS application and directory information.
- 4) Upcoming program ideas:
 - a. Tom Tivol and Larry Wells – cabochon and jewelry making
 - b. Gold Panning
 - c. Colored Stones presented by Mark Sherwood
 - d. Professor David Burnham – Trex dig
- 5) Field trip ideas: Quarry in Southern Johnson County, Salts Plains of N.W.R. near Jett, OK, Mozarkite dig, and co-field trips with the Topeka G&M Society.
- 6) Mark Sherwood doesn't require a speaker's fee for presenting at a general membership meeting. President suggests that the Club give him a gift card or other compensation. Motion to approve by Tom Lorenz, seconded by Larry Wells, approved unanimously.
- 7) Review, question and comment on current by-laws. Many changes were offered by everyone in attendance. President will make changes and pass out for final review.
- 8) Discussion about incorporation and non profit status. Club needs to verify current status and build from there.
- 9) Annual summer picnic will be in June (possibly the 3rd or 10th) at Lone Elm Park, Olathe, KS. Tom Lorenz will need to make reservations in February since he is an Olathe resident.
- 10) Larry Wells reported on his success at the 38th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show. He will donate 10% of his sale proceeds to the club.
- 11) We will not have a December Board meeting.
- 12) Upcoming shows to consider:
 - a. 3/10-3/13/2017. 56th Annual Association of Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City Gem
 - i. We can submit club cases
 - ii. Tom Lorenz is the show chairman and will run the PA system
 - iii. Association needs help with table set up
 - b. d. 3/17-3/19/2017. Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. Annual Convention, Albuquerque, NM
 - i. Norman Onnen, President will attend as Club delegate
 - ii. Larry Wells, Vice President will attend as Club alternate delegate.
 - iii. RMFMS dues deadline is December.
 - iv. We need to submit Club insurance form.
 - v. Jane McLaughlin is the RMFMS directory chair.

Vice President report:

- 1) Mark Sherwood will be the main presentation at the February general meeting. He will give a presentation on fakes gem stones.
- 2) Vice President working on a directory questionnaire and provide to M. John Robinson for member distribution.

Membership report: Tabled until next Board meeting.

Treasurer's report: Tabled until next Board meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 9:05 p.m.