

Olathe Gem & Mineral Society  
General Meeting Notes  
January 3, 2017

**Call to order:** 7:03 p.m.

**Board Attendance:** Norm Onnen, President  
Larry Wells, Vice President  
M. John Robinson, Membership Chair/Bulletin Editor  
Barbara Crompton, Treasurer  
Spring Wittmeier, Secretary

**President's comments:**

- 1) There were no general meeting minutes for December because of the Christmas party.
- 2) Introduced two meeting visitors: 1) Murphy Wells and 2) Nate Brame.
- 3) Introduced new member: Mike Beahm.
- 4) President lead group discussion about purchasing projector equipment for the club and asked for ideas from members about where the best place to get said equipment would be.
- 5) President lead group discussion about member recent and past digs, classes, field trips and upcoming events. A few of our members are headed to Tucson soon.
- 6) President passed out business cards from Metal Detecting and Prospecting Supply. If a member shows their club card, they will receive 10% off store purchases.
- 7) We still have club cases available for sale, please let the President know if you are interested in one.
- 8) Larry Wells sold items at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show and will donate 10% (approx. \$70) to the club from his sales.
- 9) February program to be presented by Mark Sherwood. He will be discussing fakes, counterfeits and phonies.
- 10) Larry Wells is continuing to finalize a club directory.

**Secretary's report, given by President:**

Future meeting minutes will be distributed with the monthly newsletter and posted on the website. They will not be read at meetings, for the sake of time.

**Treasurer's report:**

Treasury balance on 12/1/2016	\$5953.70
Income:	\$331.00
Expenses:	\$551.78
Treasury balance on 1/1/2017	\$5732.92
Outstanding checks:	\$541.36

**Raffle Ticket Sales and Drawing**

On Time Drawing won by Deborah Bryant. Norm Onnen collected raffle ticket money and then drew several raffle ticket winners. Dale Wycoff stepped down as head of ticket sales and drawing. The club is currently seeking someone to handle this responsibility.

**Committee reports:**

Refreshments: Provided by Jeannie Feimster.

Bulletin/Website management: M. John Robinson and Spring Wittmeier continue to work on the website. President offered his sons help as well.

Membership: M. John Robinson is the committee chair.

Field Trips: Earl Newland is the Club field trip coordinator. There are no field trips scheduled at this time. An ideas from meeting Sand Selenite hunt in Jett, OK beginning April 1st.

Librarian: Will be posting by laws and officer positions to the website. Will be posting club library holdings to the new website when activated.

**Shows:**

1) 3/10-3/13/2017. 56th Annual Association of Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City Gem & Mineral Show

- a. Location: KCI Expo Center
- b. Tom requested that club members volunteer for table set up
- c. Wednesday and Thursday are show set up work days, we need members to help set up.
- d. Show is Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- e. There will be an auction Saturday after the general show closes.
- f. We still have 5 club cases for sale at \$25.00 each.

2) 3/17-3/19/2017. Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. Annual Convention, Albuquerque, NM

**Program:**

Larry Wells and Tom Tivol presented examples of cabochon and jewelry making.

**Historian Report:**

All club papers/documents from Sig are being sorted. Files will be distributed to respective officer/committee chairs.

**Association Meetings:**

Delegates/Alternates: Norm Onnen, Tom Lorenz, Larry Wells

Last meeting was October 6, 2016.

**Announcements:**

- a. 3/10-3/12/2017 - 56th Annual Association of Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City Gem & Mineral Show
- b. 3/17-3/19/2017 - Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. Annual Convention, Albuquerque, NM
- c. 4/1/2017 – Selenite salte flats near Jett, OK open for digging.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:00 p.m.