

Olathe Gem & Mineral Society
General Meeting Notes
October 2, 2018

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m. by Deborah Bryant

Attendance: Deborah Bryant, President
Tammy Shaw, Vice President
Vicky Ritter, Secretary
Barb Crompton, Treasurer
M. John Robinson, Membership Chair/Bulletin
Leslie Hartman, Field Trip Coordinator
Dan McDaniel, Website Chairman
Larry Wells, Past President
Norm Onnen, Librarian, Federation Representative

Club Activities: Raffle Drawing by Tammy Shaw

President's Comments:

- 1) Christmas Dinner for the December Meeting will be at Hy-Vee on 119th and Ridgeview. Bring gift valued at \$10 plus \$5 per person for the meal
- 2) It was agreed to change January monthly meeting to the 2nd Tuesday since the first Tuesday was New Year's
- 3) It was announced that the room we reserved at the church for monthly meetings had a conflict in scheduling. It was discussed to get a similar sized room
- 4) Visitors were introduced
- 5) The Dinosaur Exhibit at Union Station is still needing volunteers
- 6) Treasurer's Report by Barb consisted of income from raffles and dues of \$206, last month expenses were \$60-program speaker from KU, \$28-Club Brochures to hand out at the November show, and \$20-enhancement to the club banner for ending balance of \$6,366.12

Other Comments:

Topeka Gem and Mineral Annual Show October 13th and 14th

Upcoming field trips:

- 1) Leslie announced that Sunday October 28th at the KU Museum we will meet with Dr. Burnham for a tour of fossils from 12 noon-1pm. We will meet inside the front door at 11:45
UPDATE: This field trip has been postponed. Date to be determined later
- 2) Bring any fossils you want to have identified by Dr. Burnham and other experts

Presentation: Methods and Equipment to Identify Gems and Minerals

Larry Wells demonstrated specific gravity test using a scale and water. He also showed the group how to use other gemstone testing instruments. Keith Shaw added extra information of the same instruments and other testing instruments.. Tom Tivol showed use of gemstone testing equipment.

They broke into areas and the meeting was adjourned for members and guests to visit each station for further testing.