

Olathe Gem and Mineral Society Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2021
Hope Chapel
6:45 to 8:45

The meeting began at 6:45 pm with the raffle (administered by Leslie). As the raffle coordinator was absent, the raffle was accomplished using manufactured tickets and donated items from attendees. Following the meeting Leslie Hartman collected the remaining items and will bring them back to the Oct. meeting.

The business portion of the meeting began with welcome and announcements.

This was our first meeting of the new club year which operates from Sept. through August of the next year. It was explained that because of the virus we have been operating with suspended Bylaws and the officers for this next year were identified. (N. Onnen, President; VP is vacant; Alison Betts, Secretary; and Barbara Crompton, Treasurer.)

Since our May club meeting the following activities involving the club have occurred -

June 5, 2021 - Annual club picnic at Kill Creek Park, Olathe, KS where almost 50 members and guests attended

June 17-19, 2021 - Rocky Mountain Federation Annual Congress where the club was represented by delegate N. Onnen

June 19, 2021 - Memorial service in Olathe, KS for past club member and President Tom Lorenz.

August 29, 2021 - The Association of Greater Kansas City Earth Science Clubs annual picnic at Antioch Park, Overland Park, KS where 5 OGMS members attended.

Provided an update on the recovery from a stroke of club member Julie Robinson.

Mentioned the occurrence of the Tom Lorenz memorial service in Olathe on June 19, 2021.

Dave Krug reported that OGMS member Rebecca Francis has been diagnosed with cancer and will undergo surgery. She will also be disposing of some of her jewelry making items and equipment. It was asked that we keep her in our thoughts and prayers, and provide assistance to her in her situation.

Announced a contest to name our club Bulletin. The winning entry will receive a piece of jade from the Sig Ross collection. Entries are to be submitted to N. Onnen and/or Dan McDaniel for consideration by the Oct. club meeting.

Announced that the club holiday party will occur at the Olathe HyVee meeting room on Sat., Dec 4, 2021. (This following a two-year hiatus due to COVID cancellations). More information will be provided in November.

Announced the Mozarkite field trip Sat., Sept. 18, 2021. It was identified that this is the same weekend as the Lincoln Mozarkite show and that some club members are expected to attend both sites during the day. This will be the last time our club will be able to collect on this site as it is being built on.

Also announced that Leslie is working on a field trip for Sat., Sept. 25 and details are TBA.

Larry Wells and Vince Martini briefly talked about the possibility of a future Zoom type meeting concerning Admire meteorites.

Upcoming OGMS club meeting topics may include presentations by KU's Dave Burnham (update on July 2021 T rex dig in WY) and a presentation by Rolf Mandel, Director of KS Geological Survey (on paleo Indians).

The following upcoming events were announced -

Oct. 7, 2021 - OGMS club meeting

Nov. 4, 2021 - OGMS club meeting - anticipated to be change to later in the month and TBA

Nov. 5-7, 2021 Gem and Mineral Show/KC

Dec. 4, 2021 - Club holiday party

The program was presented by Tom Tivol concerning diamonds including identification of man-made vs. natural diamonds, structure, colors, etc. His presentations are always extremely interesting and informative, and this was no exception. We thank Tom for his expertise and willingness to engage our club. Tom also exhibited his collection of acrylic encased birthstones.

Following the presentation two new members (who joined during the meeting) were introduced. Lynn Krug and Zachary Jackson. We look forward visiting with them at future meetings and learning more about their individual interests in gem and minerals

Refreshments were served during the meeting, and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Attending - 21

N. Onnen (for A. Betts, Secretary)