

Place: Hope Chapel - room 018

Time: 6:45 to 8:45

Before the meeting was called to order we had our raffle which was presided over by Leslie Hartman. Proceeds from the raffle was \$27.00 which will be spent on the refreshments for our next club meeting. Thank you to all who brought items for the raffle.

The meeting was called to order by Norman Onnen at approximately 7:00. Norm welcomed all of the attendees and asked if there were any new members or guests present and there were none. There was a total of 23 members to attend the meeting.

Norm announced that several members had brought samples of the items they had collected at the Bonner Springs sandbars for the members to view.

Announcements:

- *Dues have been collected and membership lists have been updated. We currently have 79 members.
- *Barbara Crompton, treasurer, submitted the annual figures to the Rocky Mountain Federation.
- *Barbara gave an accounting for the club funds indicating the total amount in the bank as of December was \$3765.03 after paying our Rocky Mountain Federation dues in the amount of \$169.30.
- * Per Dan McDaniel our new web site, Olathegemclub.org, has been updated. The web site now includes a complete listing from our library including the items received from Mary and Holly Blythe.
- *March show and display cases. At the check in table the members were asked to provide a list of individuals who were interested in displaying items in the March show and as to whether they had cases. The club has a very limited number of cases available to those who might need one. Show coupons were available to anyone who wanted to pass them out. Members were asked if anyone would be interested in taking on the Swap Table coordinator. Norm also reminded us that monies earned for sale of items would need to be spent at vendor booths as a show of support for the vendors.
- *Norm announced that there would be a memorial for several people including Tom Lorenz. He asked if anyone had anything that Tom had made for them that they bring it to share during the memorial.
- *Holiday party held in December at the Hy-Vee in Olathe had 34 attendees. Norm also asked for feed back/comments regarding the location and menu. Also requested feed back/suggestions for our June picnic.
- *Club non-profit status was briefly discussed and is being worked on.
- *Club Concerns: Julie Robinson is currently in a facility in Eudora.

M. John Robinson is currently recovering from a stroke and is with family in Mississippi.

Rebecca Francis has had her surgery and is recovering.

Jennifer Finley was to have had surgery but as of meeting date there was no additional information.

*Future Programs: Norm asked if anyone had program suggestions for February meeting. March meeting-Using March meeting to get ready for the March show. April meeting-the suggestion that Dr. Mandel could be the speaker on Searching for Evidence of the First People in the Americas.

*Topeka Dino Days taking place in February will have Sue the T-Rex on display among other displays.

Our program this month was given by Jeannie Feimster. She presented the second half of her International travel/collecting program. Once again it was very interesting and everyone seemed to enjoy it. We also want to thank her for sharing her collection of specimens.

Meeting was adjourned approximately at 8:15.