

Olathe Gem and Mineral Society - April 7, 2022 Club Meeting

Place: Hope Chapel

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 \$24.00 which will be spent on the refreshments for our next club meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Norman Onnen at approximately 7:10. Norm welcomed all of the attendees and asked if there were any new members or guests present. There was a total of 36 attendees consisting of 28 members and 8 guests, of the 8 guests present 5 became new members.

Announcements

Norm pointed out the sign-up sheet for the clubs first field trip of the year - Hamm Quarry in Eudora on 4/9 start at 10:00am.

Norm announced that our next meeting (5/6) program will be gold panning and the club picnic will be June 4th at Kill Creek Park. Dues will be due at the May 6th meeting.

The March Gem Show was a great success. The 3-day attendance had approximately 16,000 attendees. We had 16 cases on display which the club receives \$25.00 each for a total of \$400.00. There were 5 members selling at the show: Larry and Bev Wells, Mike Purduski, Megan Baker, and Alison Betts. Norm thanked all of the many club members who helped with the show, set up, tickets and others duties. The family of Tom Lorenz donated his display cases to the club after the show.

Topeka Dino days are still going on at various locations in Topeka through May 30th.

Health concerns of our club members:

M John and Julie Robinson

Rebecca Francis

Jennifer Finley

Barbara Crompton

Brock Williams

Larry Wells shared a conversation he had with Kelly Connor. She gives silversmith classes and will be moving from her current location to allow her to expand her space so she can offer more classes. Larry is considering renting her current space and giving basic silversmithing and other processes. Larry will provide additional information in the future. He also brought up information about a Metal Smith Garage Sale happening on 4/16/22 with tools, supplies and materials for sale. More information will be sent to the members.

Elliott brought some books to share with the club.

Norm introduced our program speaker, Dr. Rolfe Mandel, and gave a brief background of his studies. Note that a "biological sketch" for Dr. Mandel was placed on each table to share.

Dr Mandel's program, "Searching for Evidence of the First People in the Americas", had to be postponed due to problems with the internet connection. He agreed to come back in the fall to give his presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37. Some members used the additional time as a social time.