

Olathe Gem & Mineral Society - February 6, 2025 Club Meeting Minutes

Place: Hope Chapel

Attendance: 25 members plus 2 guests who became members tonight

Prior to meeting being called to order we held our monthly raffle. Proceeds was \$32.00 which will go towards refreshments for next meeting.

Sign up sheets were available for volunteers for the March show along with sign up sheets for display cases.

Meeting was called to order about 7:15 by Larry Wells.

Announcements:

Association has a new shirt that will be available for purchase at the March show. The color is light blue and price will be \$15.00.

We are still looking for volunteers to work the show and opportunity was given to anyone who had not signed up to do so.

A request was made for donations for the show auctions. Would like to have any donations labeled.

Reminder that your club membership card will get you into the show at no charge.

An auction is being held March 15 at 9:30 at the Legion in Maryville, MO. Items for sale will be mostly fossils with some rocks. Proceeds will be donated to Maryville Baptist.

Program: "Mineral exploration in the Tribal-State district: Legacies of the past and new opportunities in the future" by Blair Schneider

Blair Benson Schneider is an Associate Researcher and Education Outreach Manager for the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) at the University of Kansas. She earned her PhD and Master's degree in Geophysics from the University of Kansas, and her Bachelors of Science in Geology from James Madison University. She completed a postdoc at the University of Kansas Center for Teaching Excellence before beginning her position at the KGS, where she focused on STEM course transformation and multi-institutional collaboration. Dr. Schneider's research focuses on two separate fields: near-surface

applied geophysics for archaeological and forensic exploration, and broadening participation in the STEM workforce. Schneider was recognized for her work in 2019 with the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) Special Commendation Award, and in 2013 with the Association for Women Geoscientists Presidents Award. She currently serves as the president of the Association for Women Geoscientists Foundation, an international organization devoted to recruiting and retaining women into the Earth Sciences. Dr. Schneider is co-Principal Investigator of the Department of Energy funded CORE-CM project, which is focused on addressing the upstream & midstream critical mineral (CM) supply chain and downstream manufacturing of high-value, nonfuel, carbon-based products, to accelerate the realization of full potential for carbon ores and critical minerals within the US

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20.