

Olathe Gem and Mineral Society

March 7, 2017 General Meeting minutes

Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 Black Bob Road, Olathe, KS 6:30-9 pm

2016-2017 Officers

President – Norm Onnen - Absent

V. President – Larry Wells

Secretary – Spring Wittmeier

Treasurer – Barbara Crompton

Bulletin Editor – M John Robinson

Membership Chair – M John Robinson

Webmaster – M John Robinson

Immediate Past President – Tom Lorenz

6:30 Early arrival and sale of raffle tickets

Informal sharing and visiting

New member, Gary Thompson, paid dues

7:10 Larry Wells called the meeting to order in the absence of the president.

Barbara Crompton took minutes in the absence of the secretary.

Barbara Crompton delivered the treasurer's report. A projector has been purchased and will be showcased at the April meeting.

Tom Lorenz gave a report detailing when members can set up their display cases at the March 10-13 Gem & Mineral Show. He suggested that we start around eleven and park in the back of the Expo Center. More help is needed to erect tables on Wednesday. Those who signed up for ticket taking, bringing food to the potluck, etc. are encouraged to contact Kara Paris. Don Smith has bucks for the swap tables. His best contact number is 816-896-6117.

7:40 Larry Wells and Vince Martini brought their gold panning supplies and streak concentrate.

While they got the panning stations set up Keith Shaw called out raffle ticket numbers.

Everyone tried their hand at panning for gold flour in the black sand. Some found garnets. Small bottles with stoppers were available for \$1 to help collect the gold. We were reminded that gold weighs 2X as much as lead so it moves to the bottom on the pan as the water is swirled around.

9:00 Members were still enjoying the gold panning as the "time to clean-up" call came.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crompton