

Olathe Gem & Mineral Society  
General Meeting Notes  
May 2, 2017

**Call to order:** 7:00 p.m.

**Board Attendance:** Norm Onnen, President  
Tom Lorenz, Past President  
Larry Wells, Vice President  
M. John Robinson, Membership Chair/Bulletin Editor  
Barbara Crompton, Treasurer  
Spring Wittmeier, Secretary

**President's comments:**

- 1) Introduced meeting visitors: 1) Leslie Hartman.
- 2) President lead group discussion about April's program. We may set up a club outing to visit the museum at KU. If anyone wants information on the crowdfunding opportunity to support the continued digging of Dr. Burnham and his students, contact Norm directly.
- 3) Member outings: Deb Bryant visited Dr. Burnham's museum at KU and recommends visiting it to everyone. N. Onnen, B. Compton, Leslie Hartman and Deb Bryant visited the salt mines in Jet, OK. Reports are that both weekends our club was there, the weather was good and the digging was fun and easy. Lots of treasures found by all who went.
- 4) The next planned club field trip is May 20<sup>th</sup> to Troy, KS. Larry Wells has a contact that owns a private 3200 acre rock quarry that is virgin ground. May 7<sup>th</sup> Larry Wells and Josh will do a reconnaissance mission to let us know the best way to get there and the best digging spots.
- 5) M. John Robinson is still working on a date for the Mozarite trip.
- 6) June 3<sup>rd</sup> is our annual picnic. Everyone is asked to sign up or email M. John with the total number of people in their party and to bring a side dish. Also, everyone is asked to bring an item for the silent auction.
- 7) Past general member and board meeting minutes can be found on our website.
- 8) Everyone is asked to review the website and email Norm Onnen with comments, suggestions or questions about the website.
  - a. Club case pictures have been added to the website.
- 9) Led discussion about upcoming new Board voting. Larry Wells will move into President's position, Norm Onnen will move into Immediate Past President's position, Barb Crompton will remain as treasurer and Spring Wittmeier will remain as secretary. Deb Bryant was nominated by the nominating committee for the Vice President's position. Beverly Wells motioned to accept the candidates as presented. Rebecca Frances seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- 10) member recent and past digs, classes, field trips and upcoming events. Josh (\_\_\_\_) recently went to a closed lead mine near Sikesville, MO.
- 11) Everyone is asked to consider chairing one or more of the following club positions:
  - a. T.E.A.M.S. (per RMFMS = Teach, Encourage, Accommodate, Mentor, Support)
  - b. Website
  - c. Bulletin
  - d. Facebook
  - e. Membership
  - f. Program
  - g. Show
  - h. Field Trip(s)
  - i. Bylaws
  - j. Financial/Audit
  - k. Special Events

- l. Representatives, delegates, & Alternates
- m. Greater KC Assoc.
- n. RMFMS
- o. Historian
- p. Librarian
- q. (Newsletter?)

**Treasurer's report:**

Available upon request. Annual dues were collected and Barb Crompton passed out new membership cards.

**Raffle Ticket Sales and Drawing**

- 1) Didn't do raffle because meeting was cut short due to weather.

**Committee reports:**

Refreshments: Tammy Shaw and Michelle Hurst

March 2017 Show: Thank you to the volunteers. We exhibited 14 club cases and were paid \$20 for each case on display.

Future field trips:

- 1) We have been invited by the Topeka Gem Club to go with them on their trip to Hutchinson to Stataca underground salt mines on May 27<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$10/child and \$12/adult.
- 2) Potential behind the scenes visit to KU Museum.
- 3) Goede Fest, Hamilton, IL – Sept 22-24, 2017
- 4) South Johnson County Quarry. Date to be determined.

**Upcoming Shows:**

Brookside Jewelry Show; May 6, 2017

McPherson KS Gem and Mineral Club 25th Annual Show and Sale; May 5-7, 2017.

(Joplin, MO) Tri-State Gem and Mineral Society; May 19-21, 2017.

June – Prairie Village Art Show

Topeka Gem & Mineral Society 61st Annual Show; Ag Hall, Topeka, KS; Oct 14-15, 2017. (“Of Quartz It Is”).

Gem & Mineral show (Shows of Integrity); KC Exhibit Hall (near KCI) ; Nov. 2017.

Assoc. of Earth Science Clubs Gem & Mineral Show; KC Exhibit Hall (near KCI); March 9-11, 2018.

RMFMS convention, Fairplay, CO; June 2018

**Old Business:**

We will stay at Indian Creek Community Church for club meetings for another year.

Overview of Junior program through AMFMS

**Program:**

“Critters that can ruin your day...” Don Smith

**Meeting Adjourned:**9:00 p.m.