

Olathe Gem & Mineral Society
Board Meeting Notes
August 21, 2018

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: M. John Robinson, Membership Chair/Bulletin
Barbara Crompton, Treasurer
Larry Wells, President
Tammy Shaw, Vice President Elect
Vicky Ritter, Secretary
Norman Onnen, Librarian
Deb Bryant, President Elect
Dan McDaniel, Website

General Announcements:

- 1) A chairperson needs to be appointed for outings and field trips. Lesliee has expressed an interest in this.
- 2) Barbara Crompton's display won the first place ribbon in the competition at the Rocky Mountain Conference in Rapid City, South Dakota. There were 12 exhibits overall and we won 98 out of 100 points. Norman, our delegate, submitted expenses of \$265 for motel (\$200) and the rest for breakfast and admission charge to the show. Norm reported on the show that it was smaller than the Kansas show. Kansas had all 5 clubs represented there. The Kansas Representative from Wichita should go next year. The field trips were rained out. Rocky Mountain is looking for ideas for articles to put in their bulletin such as our local club member projects. The upcoming conferences are to be for 2019 May 4th-5th Henderson, Nevada; 2020 June 12th-14th Big Piney, Wyoming; 2021 Sandy, Utah. Travel expenses for State Representatives were discussed. They are looking for a Web Master. Norm asked if we want to participate in their scholarship program which would cost \$1 per member each year. We have not participated. There are 2 scholarships given annually announced on the Rocky Mountain Bulletin Website.
- 3) We could look for a local cause to benefit such as covering the entry fees of 4-H boxes in our competitions
- 4) Norm presented the idea to invite Bill Smith the Kansas Representative to come to one of our club meetings
- 5) Rocky Mountain has a a lapidary guru and a fossil guru that mystery pictures can be sent to respectfully
- 6) Copies of the 2018 Conference Directory will be made

President's Comments:

- 1) Barbara was appointed to swear in new officers at the September Meeting
- 2) Deb brought books of the Smithsonian to be put in the library
- 3) Larry is bringing the club banner to meetings and events
- 4) Our Christmas Party the first or second Saturday in December will be in lieu of December monthly meeting. Discussed what to do about coffee. Will bring small amount
- 5) Tammy is getting feedback of members' ideas of field trips. Will keep a copy of these surveys for future reference
- 6) Field trips are Calhoun Bluffs this weekend, Atchison, KS, and Nebraska City

Membership report:

- 1) Send a sheet around at the club meeting for changes in email, address, and phone numbers. Brian and Suzanne Simmons moved
- 2) Get pictures of new members to add to the membership directories

Treasurer's report:

- 1) Barbara gave the treasurer's report: August balance was \$6434.04 with no activity

New Business:

- 1) Need to confirm Room 18 for our monthly club meetings
- 2) Idea to make video of activities our club does as a marketing tool to present to kids clubs and groups
- 3) We need to make an ad to go into the Kansas City book 2in. X 4in.
- 4) At the March Gem and Mineral Show, use the money earned for a scholarship
- 5) Olathe Library wants us to set up a display
- 6) Recognize Rebecca for the presentation she did

Programs:

- 1) Deb discussed Dr. David Burnham, Paleontologist at KU for the September meeting. We will give him a stipend of \$60. Let him speak at 7:00 before the meeting
- 2) For the November program, Lesliee has contacted Mark Ellis. He will talk about his dinosaur digs in WY, CO, SD, and NE
- 3) Have a panel to show different tests on gems and minerals for identification
- 4) Have a swap meeting like a club garage sale among ourselves

Upcoming Events:

- 1) November show: We get one table to sell our fossils, gems, minerals, etc. Each member who sells at the show is to give 10% of their earnings to the treasurer to help the group to continue future activities
- 2) March show: We need to increase our number of display cases. The members were asked to see if they know people to borrow, buy, or trade something for more display cases. The club needs to provide electricity for our show. \$100 for electricity for the weekend
- 3) Tammy has a friend with land to search for gold in streams at Lathrup MO
- 4) Will pass around a sign-up sheet for providing snacks at future meetings, and a sign-up sheet for attendance at the Christmas Dinner