

Olathe Gem & Mineral Society
General Meeting Notes
April 2, 2019

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by Deborah Bryant

Officers in Attendance:

Deborah Bryant, President
Tammy Shaw, Vice President
Vicky Ritter, Secretary
Barb Crompton, Treasurer
M. John Robinson, Membership Chair/Bulletin
Leslie Hartman, Field Trip Coordinator
Dan McDaniel, Website Chairman
Larry Wells, Past President
Norm Onnen, Librarian, Federation Representative

Club Activities: Raffle Drawing, Refreshments

Treasurer's Report: Barb reported income of \$39 from the raffle, \$10 from dues, and expenses of business cards printed for the KC Gem and Mineral Show and general use, and \$115 for electrical hookup at the show for ending balance of \$5164.

New Business:

Barb announced that anyone wishing to donate in honor of Murphy Wells, member and son of Larry and Beverly Wells, could give a donation to the Great Plains SPCA. The club will match member donations up to \$200.

Our June 1st picnic will be at Kill Creek Park from 3:30pm to 10:00pm at Shelter #3. We will have a signup sheet at the May meeting for those planning to attend and their food item. Please bring your silent auction items to the picnic.

Green shirts to be worn on group events were available in Kids XL and Adult L and XL for anyone to pick up.

Visitors: Ralph introduced himself as did Janet Smith.

Presentation: Norm Onnen introduced the Program guest speaker, Bill Smith, representing the Rocky Mountain Federation, and his wife Janet Smith. Bill began talking about his interest and collection of actual butterflies which led to his new endeavor of making replicas of butterflies out of different types of stone. He would find the stone in Washington State and Oregon. He enters many competitions for free formed or shaped rock. This led him to becoming a geology project leader in his local county and sharing his knowledge with the youth interested in this field. He also judges fossils at the county and state level. He demonstrated the details of making an example

of a stone butterfly. Bill had many colorful examples of butterflies he has made on display..

Meeting adjourned: 9:00pm