

KGMS Board Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Dave Haas, President, called the meeting to order via ZOOM. There was a quorum. There were 8 participants.

Treasurer Report: read and accepted

Secretary Report: read and accepted with corrections

Committee Reports:

1. 2024 Annual Show Recap:

1. Show Theme: Let Us Rock your World
2. Next show committee meeting: TBD
3. Square was used for new memberships, Geode Cracking and Silent Auction areas.
4. Ron provided 2024 show summary.
5. Deposit for 2025 show was paid to Expo Center. Dave to meet with Mandy in 3 weeks
6. 2025 show dates will be May 2-4, 2025

Vendors

1. 32 Vendors have committed to return for 2025 show
2. Dave to request Tourmaline Kings not to bring kids to the 2025 show
3. Dave to request Woodys not bring geodes to 2025 show
4. One vendor reported receiving a fake \$50 that were sold on eBay. Suggestion to write article for Midwest Federation newsletter to alert other clubs. Bruce suggested getting more pens that are used to detect fake bills for other KGMS booths. Admission already uses them.
5. Motion was made to increase the booth cost by \$10 per table to \$75 per table for 2025 show. Motion was seconded and passed

Advertising

1. Yard signs were a big hit, Also a lot of responses on postcards, Facebook and Fox 17 interview, KGMS to try to get Channel 3 in 2025
2. Dave to get a graphic artist to design postcards and legal size posters for 2025 show
3. Dave suggested exploring option of advertising on Instagram for 2025 show

Hospitality

1. Cynthia reported on meal tickets collected during show.
 - a. Friday Lunch—EMA Catering—Taco Bar =120
 - b. Friday Dinner—Chick-fil-A -131
 - c. Saturday Lunch—Grand Traverse Pie Company boxed lunches-164
 - d. Sunday Lunch—Pulled Pork - 94
2. Cynthia reported that next year all meals will be catered. Ran out of food on Sunday because food was not portioned and had limited refrigerator space to store food prior to Sunday

Security

1. Vendors were impressed with Mark Gossler security briefing prior to show. Mr Gossler to be invited back for 2025 show, KGMS to include cost of security in 2025 show budget.

Displays

1. Dave suggested using workbee to repair some of the display cases for 2025 show. Two need parts. There are 39 total.

Demonstrators

1. KVCC brought volunteers to the show

Silent Auction

1. Ron reported 1261 silent auction slips to count which took a lot of effort. Square helped with auditing. Ron requested two additional people to help count for 2025 show.

Specimen Table

*No Report

Arts/Crafts and Kids Games

*Kids area was short volunteers on Saturday

*Craft area ran out of gem tree bases on Saturday

Gold Panning

*No report

Gold Mine

*At least two volunteers are needed for this area during busy times

Volunteers

1. There were twice as many volunteers than 2023 show

Admission and Tickets

1. Rick proposed raising entrance donation from \$5 to \$7 or \$8 for 2025 Show. More discussion after show.

School Kids/Kids Day

1. Ron to check on number of bus subsidies KGMS paid for 2024 Kids Day

Speakers/Presentations

1. Discussion on having Eric the Yooperlite Guy speak in his own room instead of the presentation area.
2. There was a call for suggestions on a lead speaker for 2025 show. One suggestion would be the Crystal Collector.

B. Fieldtrip Committee

1. no report...Next KGMS sponsored fieldtrip...Ohio for fossils

C. Kids Area Committee

1. No report

D. Education/Outreach Committee

1. Dave met with Kalamazoo Valley Community College Earth Science Department Chair. Discussion of a possible KGMS scholarship to a KVCC student in good standing with plans to attend a 4-year institution to major in Earth Science or Geology related field.
2. Dave to talk to Rod at WMU on options for KGMS to support Geosciences department
3. Dave to talk to Michelle Frank who is on the Kingman Museum Collection Advisor Committee Co-Chair on options for KGMS to support museum

E. Membership

1. *22 new families signed up at the show
2. Bruce announced that members must reach him using Charter.net email and not gmail account

F. KGMS 2024 Tailgate

1. Tailgate will be September 14, 2024, but will move to first weekend after Labor Day in 2025—September 6, 2025
2. Tailgate meeting sometime in June

G. Miscellaneous

1. Ron reported KGMS taxes have been filed for 2023. The IRS form 190EZ was needed and required the help of a third party professional. Registration for 501C3 status is due by the end of July. Liability insurance through MWF is due at the end of June.
2. Discussion on acquiring a trailer for club. Suggestion to check with vendor of previous trailer. Dave to get with Tony on name of vendor. There appears to be a shortage of used trailers.
3. George Read to replace Bruce as Vice President until 2026 election. A motion was made to nominate George Read to fill in as Vice President until 2026 election. Motion was seconded and passed.

4. Bill made a motion for club to provide \$250 to Bill for purchase on incidental items necessary for workbee. Motion was seconded and passed.
5. Next General Meeting, June 6. Program: 2024 Show recap and ice cream social. There will be no kids club at June General Meeting. 18=22 items will be available for silent auction. Members encouraged to bring bragging rock and storytime

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Cynthia Gauthier
Recording Secretary

Date Approved with corrections:
June 16, 2024

Board Title	Elected Person	Attended
President	Dave Haas	Y
Vice-President	Bruce Atherton	Y
Treasurer	Ron Grenadier	N
Secretary	Cynthia Gauthier	Y
Liaison	Bill Mitchell	Y
Members at Large	Kim Strawbridge	N
	Rick Berner	Y
	Sheri Crum	N
Media Editor	vacant	
QUORUM (need 5)		Y

Additional Attendees

Sue Haas—Silent Auction Lead
 Sheila Atherton—Volunteer Coordinator
 Sally Berner—KGMS member