

KGMS General Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER by Dave Haas, President, at Portage Senior Center, Portage.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS:

Kids: Jackson, Aaron, Daphne, Vashti, Kolten, Hendrik, Maelyn Armstrong, Dean, Darla, Lydia, Donny, Emmy, Escher, Jeremiah, Tanner, Miranda, Jovan

Adults: Eric Prokuski, George Read, Sheri Crum, Chuck Parks, Robb Liekis

SECRETARY REPORT: read and accepted with corrections

TREASURER REPORT: summary read by Dave Haas and accepted

A. 2024 Show

1. Dave announced 2024 show theme: Let Us rock Your World
2. Dave announced that \$7200 has been budgeted for show advertising
3. Dave reported that 4 vendors will not be returning this year due to personal reasons, but that their slot will be held for future shows. Five new vendors have been added.
4. Show meeting scheduled for April 9 at 6:30pm at Main Street Pub, Gull Road
5. Dave reported layout of the show including vendor layout. KGMS cannot have a club sale booth as it needs to monitor income to maintain 501C3 status.
6. Dave reported KGMS facebook page had 57,319 views to date with 3,000 interested in attending and 200 planning to come to show
7. Rick announced yard signs. postcards and car decals available for members to help advertise show.
8. Rick and Dave continue to work with local media stations for publicity of show. Dave to be interviewed on radio station. Rick is working with Channel 3 of KGMS donations of dinosaurs to WMU. Channel 17 interview scheduled on 29 April to air April 30
9. Sheila announced volunteer sign up sheets are available for working club areas during show.

10. Sheila reported on Demonstrators and non-profit groups that were planning to attend the show
11. Sheila announced display signup for members to display collection during the show.
12. Janice Ahrens to cater Saturday dinner during show
13. Sue discussed Silent Auction area at show that is used for members wanting to sell items worth \$2 or more and provided examples of bid sheets to be used.

B. Membership:

1. Dave announced visitors / new members
2. Dave asked for volunteers to help with Vice President duties and gave a list of duties for which the Vice President is responsible
3. Dave announced dues are due for those that have not paid already

C. Fieldtrips:

1. Sheri Crum and Linda Burgeon announced the current fieldtrip schedule for 2024. Details are on the KGMS website. Some trips are still being planned.
 - a. May 17-18—Mt Ida area, Arkansas (Quartz)
 - b. June 22-23—Cincinnati, OH area (Fossils) 12-4 at Cesaers Creek
 - c. August 2-4—Marquette/Keweenaw, Michigan (Iron/copper minerals/Dolomite)
 - d. August 10—Sylvania Minerals, South Rockwood, Michigan (Celestine/Calcite/Sulfur)
 - e. September 21—Cheney Quarry, Bellevue, Michigan (Pyrite/Calcite)
 - f. October 5—Byholt Gravel Pit, Schoolcraft
2. Sheri announced signup sheets available for fieldtrips
3. Sheri and Linda brought sample specimens of Arkansas Quartz
4. Linda provided further details on Cincinnati fossil trip

D. Scholarship Committee:

1. Bill dropped off information for the scholarships at WMU

E. Education/Outreach Committee

1. There were 24 kids in kids club this meeting

2. Dave reported on status of dinosaurs KGMS has donated to WMU Dino Park. The cement for platforms has been poured. When ready, Dinosaurs will be mounted on platforms. A media day is scheduled in April with an official unveiling at the Alumni Day celebration. The WMU Publicity department has to approve all media about dinosaurs.

F. 2024 KGMS Tailgate

1. Date: September 14 at St Michaels Lutheran Church, Portage

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Program: Crystal Collector video on collecting Lake Superior agates
2. Next General Meeting is scheduled for April 2 at Portage Senior Center.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED

Cynthia Gauthier, recording Secretary

APPROVED : April 2, 2024