

KGMS Board Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Dave Haas, President, called the meeting to order via ZOOM There was a quorum. There were 10 participants - 6 Board members and 4 non-board members.

Treasurer Report: No report due to absence of treasurer

Secretary Report: read and accepted with corrections

Committee Reports:

**1. 2025 Annual Show:**

1. Show Theme: TBD
2. Next show committee meeting: Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30pm Main St Pub on Gull Rd
3. 2025 show dates will be May 2-4, 2025
4. Sheri Crum needs a theme for show for school fliers

**Vendors**

1. No Report

**Advertising**

1. Dave talked with Jerry at tailgate regarding software used to create annual show postcards. Jerry used an Apple product. Dave to explore using a Malachite or Copper background for the postcards
2. Suggestion to have KGMS Show information in Michigan Welcome Center magazine and fliers put in all 8 Michigan Welcome Centers

**Hospitality**

1. No Report

**Security**

1. No Report

**Displays**

1. No Report

### **Demonstrators**

1. No report

### **Silent Auction**

1. No report

### **Kids Games/Crafts**

1. Bill and Tony to send a list of what they have to game prizes/egg cartons/mine bags

### **Gold Panning**

- 1.No report

### **Gold Mine**

1. No report

### **Volunteers**

1. No Report

### **Admission and Tickets**

1. No Report

### **School Kids/Kids Day**

1. Suggestion was made to possible provide a grant to teachers who bring students to the show

### **Speakers/Presentations**

1. Dave continues to work with Chris Cooper of PBS Show, Rockhounding in Michigan to be a speaker

## **B. Fieldtrip Committee**

1. Next KGMS sponsored fieldtrip...Cheney Quarry for Pyrite, Marcasite, Fossils and Dogtooth Calcite

### **C. Kids Area Committee**

1. No Report

### **D. Education/Outreach Committee**

1. Dave is invited to attend the celebration of Kingman Museum collection.
2. Dave reported that Emily is being paid through the Battle Creek Community Foundation and it sometimes takes up to 60 days for the foundation to process a payment. KGMS has been paying the foundation for Emily's services and the foundation keeps a portion of that payment. Also, Emily has been buying the supplies for kids club on her own. There was a motion made to advise Emily to provide an invoice to KGMS for her Kids Club services and KGMS pay her directly and increase her pay to \$195 - \$200 per month. It would be Emily's responsibility to make sure the Foundation receives their portion of the payment. Emily would provide receipts for Kids Club supplies directly to KGMS for reimbursement. Motion was seconded and passed pending discussion and approval from the Battle Creek Community Foundation.

Dave to discuss possibilities with Emily and get approval from the foundation for KGMS to pay Emily directly and have Emily send a portion of payment to the foundation. Dave to request approval be on Foundation letterhead for auditing and liability purposes

3. Dave obtained Fluorite cubes from vendor at Tailgate to be used for Kids Club
4. There were 6-8 kids at the September meeting
5. Dave is still working on finding a Point of Contact at Olivet for possible scholarship opportunity
6. Dave discussed scholarship options with Point of Contact at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Scholarship winners would receive a free one-year membership to KGMS, but would also be required to work more hours at the show. Attendance to meetings would also be encouraged.
7. Dave attended Kalamazoo Art Hop but mostly drawings and paintings were displayed. Dave plans to check with the Kalamazoo Arts Council for possibilities on more lapidary involvement.
8. Dave to look at A1 Trailer near Wayland for possible KGMS trailer

9. WMU dinos and rocks are set. WMU still working on backdrop.

### **E. Membership**

1. Mass emails to be sent to Cynthia and Dave with Blind Carbon Copy to protect the privacy of members

### **F. KGMS 2024 Tailgate Recap**

1. Tailgate received \$385 in monetary donations and several flats/boxes of rock specimens to be used for Silent Auction, Specimen table or Kids Club
2. 2025 tailgate is scheduled for September 6
3. Tailgate committee improved advertising with additional signage, mention on Church lighted sign. Committee to look into 8-10 yard signs and inclusion in MWF Newsletter for 2025. Suggestion to have postcards for 2025 annual show in May at tailgate
4. There were 220 adults and 35 kids who attended. Metrics collected by Facebook showed targeted age group to be 40-65; 70% Women, 30% Men

### **G. Miscellaneous**

1. Holland Club may change their show date for 2025
2. George needs a list of possible speakers for meetings. Dave to send list
3. Bill to send Ron receipts for reimbursement of supplies purchased for workbee to amount of \$235.86. To be sent to the KGMS mailbox.
4. Next General Meeting, October 3. Program: TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Cynthia Gauthier  
Recording Secretary

Date Approved with corrections:  
October 21, 2024

Board Title	Elected Person	Attended
President	Dave Haas	Y
Vice-President	George Read	Y
Treasurer	Ron Grenadier	N
Secretary	Cynthia Gauthier	Y
Liaison	Bill Mitchell	Y
Members at Large	Kim Strawbridge	Y
	Rick Berner	Y
	Sheri Crum	N
Media Editor	Kyle Vickery	
<b>QUORUM (need 5)</b>		Y

**Additional Attendees**

Sue Haas—Silent Auction Lead  
Dennis Guy—Tailgate Committee  
Bruce Atherton-Tailgate Lead  
Sheila Atherton—Tailgate Committee  
Jason—KGMS Member