

KGMS General Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2024

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

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS:

Kids: Vashti, Hendrik, Maverick, Tristan, Tanner, Mikalynn Carra, Karson Hunt, Jeremiah, Micah,

Adults: Eric Prokuski, Sally B, Martha W, Ed Hirschfield, Dennis Willmann, Karla Willmann

SECRETARY REPORT: read and accepted with corrections

TREASURER REPORT: Not Read

A. 2024 Show

1. Dave announced 2024 show theme: Let Us rock Your World
2. Dave reminded membership of bilaws rules concerning members selling items at the show
3. Dave reported on Admission costs for the show. Adults 18 and over-\$5, Kids 12 and under are free, Scouts in Uniform are free
4. Dave completed the layout for show and it was available for member viewing. Layout to be posted in each room.
5. Show meeting scheduled for April 9 at 6:30pm at Main Street Pub, Gull Road
6. Rick reported KGMS facebook page had 69,000 views to date with 6,000 engagements
7. Rick reported that \$450 was spent to reach out to Portage schools. Kalamazoo schools would not allow fieldtrip flier.
8. Rick announced yard signs. postcards and car decals available for members to help advertise show. Geoscape has 20 signs on display in Paw Paw area. Eric the yooperlite guy show posted on his website
9. Rick and Dave continue to work with local media stations for publicity of show. Dave to be interviewed on radio station. Rick and Dave on Channel 17 Morning Mix scheduled on 29 April to air April 30

10. Sheri reported that 11 schools are confirmed for kids day. Donna needs help in kids area during the show
11. Sheila announced volunteer sign up sheets are available for working club areas during show.
12. Sheila reported on Demonstrators and non-profit groups that were planning to attend the show
13. Sheila announced display signup for members to display collection during the show. Emily to have a kids club display at show
14. Sheri announced signup sheet for club t-shirts. These must be worn by members working at the show. Volunteers can pick up their shirt in the Games/Craft area after signing in.
15. Janice Ahrens to cater Saturday dinner during show. Cynthia reported on hospitality menu during show.
16. Sheri reported urgent need for volunteers on Friday to sell tickets for games area during kids day.
17. 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

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)
 1. May 16—members meet for dinner
 2. May 17—Ron Coleman Mine
 3. May 18--Sweet Surrender Crystals
 - 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. Dave reported that the KGMS bilaws do allow for a stipend for fieldtrips as long as it benefits the group and not one person

D. Scholarship Committee:

1. Bill announced there were 5 WMU scholarship winners who will each get \$1200. They will give brief presentations at the September meeting concerning their research. Awardees must work a minimum six hours at the show.

E. Education/Outreach Committee

1. There were kids in kids club this meeting
2. Dave reported on status of dinosaurs KGMS has donated to WMU Dino Park. The dinosaurs have been installed. The WMU Landscape Department will finish display with boulders and moss. There will be no mural behind dinosaurs. Future enhancements for park would include raptor nests on rood hall

F. 2024 KGMS Tailgate

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

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Program: Live Auction of Metal Scoop and Hammer donated by Kingsley North
2. Gem Tree Workbee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17 at Spring Valley Church from 7-9pm.
3. Next General Meeting is scheduled for May 7 at Portage Senior Center.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED

Cynthia Gauthier, recording Secretary

APPROVED : May 7, 2024