

Midland Gem & Mineral Society

MGMS Newsletter

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April 3 Board Meeting

President Bauer called the meeting to order. Motion was made by Tommy Mayo and seconded by Lois Harrington to accept the minutes of the March 6 meeting as published in the newsletter, **with a policy change:** Motion was made by Oneita Burgess and seconded by Lois Harrington to change “the new saw oil available to members for \$20.00 a gallon” to “the new saw oil available to members for \$20.00 a gallon or a price being calculated with the price of the oil and availability factored in”. Motion carried. Treasurer David Richardson read the financial report. Motion was made by Bill Halepeska and seconded by Lyn Yater to accept the financial report. Motion carried. Building Committee Chairman, Bill Halepeska, reported that since we have cleared out all of the items in the rental storage unit, we will be saving \$70.00 a month (that’s \$840.00 a year), thanks to all MGMS members who helped on our moving day. Bill said that he had some water well technicians to look at what was on the grounds of the MGMS Scharbauer House property, and they said that we should have no problem getting a well producing water around 20 – 25 gallons a minute with about a one-horse pump. Bill also reported that he gave a program to some cub scouts and their parents in Odessa. He said that some of the scouts would be interested in attending Kids’ College to take the Pebble Pups class this summer. Club Liaison, Herman Jones, asked for displays for the ten cases we will be taking to the Abilene and Lubbock gem and mineral shows. After some discussion, motion was made by Lois Harrington and seconded by Jeffrey Cornell that any active member of Midland Gem and Mineral Society must go through the board to request purchase of new saw oil, that Midland Gem and Mineral Society must have a minimum reserve of 30 gallons of new saw oil on hand, and that the price of new saw oil available to members will be calculated with the price of the oil and availability factored in. Motion carried. (Availability comes into play when, for example, a member wants to purchase 3 gallons, and 32 gallons is on hand, we would only be able to sell 2 gallons to the member). Class Chair, Jacqueline Darby, reported that the Mineral Identification Class was under way. Mike Burns and Barb Aylor have

successfully completed the Lapidary course and will be given certificates acknowledging their accomplishment. Field Trip Chair, Anna Richardson, reported that she was working on a rock hunt in the Creede, Colorado area for this summer. After some discussion, it was decided to hold another Rock & Fossil Hunt at the gravel pit on Saturday, May 5. Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, Linda Bryant, reported that they had received six applications from students this year. A recommendation was made by the Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs to award two scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to Savannah Blanton and Jake Taylor. Motion was made by Tommy Mayo and seconded by Lois Harrington to award the two \$1,000.00 scholarships. Motion carried. Motion was made by Bill Halepeska and seconded by Lois Harrington to grant Sam VanLandingham honorary member status as requested. Motion carried. Mary Tellinghuisen reported that on Thursday, April 26, the Sibley Learning Center will have a speaker to present a program about the sand dune lizard at 7:00 pm. After some discussion, it was decided that our organization will include the Sibley Center’s sand dune lizard program as part of our regular fourth Thursday general meeting by adjourning afterwards to an adjacent meeting room for Midland Gem & Mineral Society business. Those participating in Stephen DiTullio’s Lapidary Challenge for a chance to win the Inland brand lapidary machine will need to bring their finished work early (by 6:45 pm.) so it can be voted on before the sand dune lizard program starts at 7:00 pm. Vice President, Sharon Winchester, reported that the meeting for May will be held at the Planetarium. Daniel Jones reported that at present, we have 113 members, which is a combined total of adult, student and honorary members. Meeting adjourned.

*MGMS members Cindy & Stephen DiTullio*

≡ **SHOW CALENDAR** ≡

APRIL:

April 28 & 29...LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Lubbock Gem & Mineral Society's 54th Annual Show
Lubbock Civic Center
1501 Mac Davis Lane
Hours: Sat. & Sun. 10 – 5.
Contact: Archie Scott (806) 894-1584
E-mail: sarchie32@yahoo.com
Website: lubbockgemandmineral.org

MAY:

May 19...TYLER, TEXAS

Keith & Charlotte Harmon's Rock & Equipment Sale
8316 Oxford Drive in the back yard
Hours: Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to ? (No early sales).
30 tons of rock and also used equipment.
Contact: Keith Harmon (903) 581-4068
E-mail: keithharmon19@yahoo.com

May 26 - 27...FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Club's 61st Annual Show
Will Rogers Memorial Center
3401 W. Lancaster
Hours: Sat. 9 – 6, Sun. 10 – 5.
Contact: Steve Hilliard (817) 925-5760
E-mail: fwgmc@embarqmail.com
Website: fortworthgemandmineralclub.org

Unless otherwise noted, all gem and mineral shows in the U.S. do charge an admission fee.

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