

KGMS General Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2024

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

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS:

Kids: Maverick, tanner, Lydia, Hendrik, Jackson, Jovan N., Colin Kuriyama, Jackai, Hunt Korson, James K, Easton, Sidney, Scarlett, Averie Swan

Adults: Cindy Hill, Kira, Amanda Swan

SECRETARY REPORT: read and accepted

TREASURER REPORT: summary read and accepted

A. 2024 Show

1. Dave announced 2024 show theme: Let Us rock Your World
2. Kyle reported using vendor list to promote show on vendor websites
3. Show meeting scheduled for 20 February at 6:30pm at Main Street Pub, Gull Road
4. Dave reported that there are only two vendor spaces left to fill for 2024 show. 320 tables have been sold.
5. Dave reported that a security guard will be at the show and will talk to KGMS membership at the April meeting about dealing with shoplifters. Security guard to work Friday (4-8), Saturday (12-4) and Sunday (12-4)
6. Rick announced yard signs. postcards and car decals available for members to help advertise show. Linda suggested KGMS advertise show on other rock group pages
7. Rick announced status of Peachjar use for reaching out to schools for kids day
8. Rick continues 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 announced display signup for members to display collection during the show.
11. Sheila announced current list of demonstrators that will attend show
12. Dave announced that due to shortage of food last year, there will be food tickets for vendors this year at 2024 show. Hospitality to be in third room with speakers and kids games
13. Dave suggested display cases that need fixing should be separated out at teardown on Sunday so he can work on them over the summer. Bruce suggested more young people are needed to put the display cases together on Thursday. Cases are to be setup in front of main room and in rear, west side of south room
14. Sue discussed Silent Auction area at show that is used for members wanting to sell items worth \$2 or more. A suggestion was made to include more fluorescent boxes with flashlights in the area.
 - a. Bids sheets can be downloaded of the KGMS website. Sheets printed on colored paper are for the member to get 80% of the sale and club get 20%. Sheets printed on white paper, club receives 100% of proceeds from sale.
 - b. Each item should be bagged with completed bid sheet showing for easy identification of silent auction volunteer.
 - c. It is suggested that items with starting bid priced greater than \$6 have an increment increase of 50 cents and items with starting bid priced greater than \$15 have an increment increase of \$1
 - d. Items should be brought in on Thursday during setup if possible
 - e. Packing material donations needed for area include: newspaper, tissue, masking tape, bubble wrap and plastic grocery bags

B. Membership:

1. Dave announced visitors / new members
2. Ron announced many new membership were for 3 years option
3. Ron suggested providing membership list to Kyle for advertising show to those that are unable to attend general meetings in person
4. 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)
 - 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

D. Scholarship Committee:

1. No Report

E. Education/Outreach Committee

1. There were 24 kids in kids club this meeting
2. KGMS to pay for second room at Portage Senior Center

F. 2024 KGMS Tailgate

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

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Program: Introduction of Kyle Vickery, Media Specialist, who presented a program on his activities promoting the May show and Kids Club on Facebook and other social media sites. Facebook page has had 28,000 vies to date with a 10% increase in followers since Kyle started promotion activities
2. Next General Meeting is scheduled for March 5 at Portage Senior Center.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED

Cynthia Gauthier, recording Secretary

APPROVED : March 5, 2024 with corrections