

KGMS General Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER by Bruce Atherton, Vice President, at Portage Senior Center, Portage.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS:

Kids: Layla Parthun-Reese, Paisley Sanscrainte,
Adults: Dr. Voice, Emily Sanscrainte

SECRETARY REPORT: read and accepted with corrections

TREASURER REPORT: read and accepted

A. 2023 Show Recap

1. Anna provided statistics on Show. Overall it was successful even with reduced attendance from previous years.
2. Bruce reported on security incidents during show
3. Cynthia reported on hospitality issues during show. Suggestion to have meal tickets for vendors so there is enough food for all. Also, better communication on number of vendors personnel and volunteers to help better plan food. Banquet/Reception food on Saturday evening was excellent.

B. Membership:

1. Bruce announced visitors / new members

C. Fieldtrips:

1. KGMS fieldtrips for 2023 include:
 - a. Sylvania Minerals October 14
 - b. Herkimer/Penn Dixie June 22-24
 - c. Beach Day in July 15
 - d. Ishpeming/Keweenaw August 3-13
 - e. Cheney Quarry August 26
 - f. Byholt Gravel Pit September 30
 - g. Graves Mountain, GA open dig October 6-8 (not KGMS sponsored)

D. Scholarship Committee:

1. Scholarship winners to present research at September meeting

E. Education/Outreach Committee

1. Update on KGMS donating a dinosaur to the WMU Dino Park. KGMS purchased 2 Dilophosaurus and 1 Allosaurus from two different time periods. Two have arrived. WMU finalizing installation location.
2. Volunteers needed to present a monthly summer (May – September) earth science/rock related program for children ages 7 to 15 at the Childrens Nature Playscape on Bronson Park in Kalamazoo. A presenter is needed for August. Programs scheduled are Michigan Minerals and Meteorites.
3. Emily may do Kids program through the summer

F. 2022 KGMS Tailgate

1. No update
2. 2023 tailgate will be Saturday, September 16

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Program: WMU Dinosaur Park and museum, Dr Voice from WMU
2. Next General Meeting is scheduled for September 5 at Portage Senior Center.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED

Cynthia Gauthier, recording Secretary

DATE APPROVED with corrections September 5, 2023