

# KGMS General Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2023

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

## **DOOR PRIZE WINNERS:**

Kids: Layla Parthun-Reese, Paisley Sanscrainte, Gordon Ross, Mikey  
Adults: Chuck Parks, Emily Sanscrainte, Karen Wyatt, Linda Burgeon

**SECRETARY REPORT:** read and accepted with corrections

**TREASURER REPORT:** read and accepted

## **A. 2023 Show**

1. Dave reported 48 vendors have confirmed they will be attending the show.
2. There will be signs for each of the daily grand prizes.
3. A show packet will be given to each vendor that contains nametags, referral sheets, application for 2024 show and a copy of the 2023 show contract. Vendor contract includes statement on shoplifting and suggestion for cameras at vendor booth. Vendor names will be displayed at each vendor booth.
4. Show hours, vendor maps and fliers for 2024 show with tailgate info will be available at the information booth. Kids club fliers will be available during kids day
5. Show volunteer shirts will be available in the Kids area. KGMS Fieldtrip t-shirts will be available for sale in kids area for \$10 each.
6. Show security will be provided Saturday by Tyler Adams, P.I.
7. There are 450-500 kids scheduled for kids day
8. Rick Berner reported that the KGMS Show announcement is on the front page of the WWMT Community Calendar. Show Posters to be put out Wednesday in Kalamazoo area
9. Only Silent Auction table and Geode Cracking area will accept charge card sales. Two ATM machines are available in Expo Center main lobby area.
10. Sheila reported that each display case will have persons name so they know where to set up

11. Volunteer schedule will be at the information booth. Volunteers are to check in each day at the information booth prior to going to their work area. Volunteers should sign out at the end of their shift. Non-KGMS members that volunteer at the show will receive a free membership through December.
12. Hospitality will be in the North Expo room. Donuts and Pizza will be available Thursday. Cynthia reported on caterer selections for show. Menu to be posted in hospitality area
13. Thursday setup—Volunteers needed to load display cases on trailer Wednesday. Meet at Harbor Freight at 4pm. Show setup to begin around 9am on Thursday. Vendors to start setting up around 11am.
14. Road construction on Lake Street will close off main entrance to Expo center during show. Attendees will need to access through Olmstead Road. Dave to put detour route on Facebook

#### **B. Membership:**

1. Dave announced visitors / new members

#### **C. Fieldtrips:**

1. Kim is working on a scheduling fieldtrips. Current locations include:
  - a. Sylvania Minerals October 14
  - b. Flint Ridge in May 27-28 (included Knapp-In)
  - c. Herkimer/Penn Dixie June 22-24
  - d. Beach Day in July 15
  - e. Ishpeming/Keweenaw August 3-13
  - f. Cheney Quarry August 26
  - g. Byholt Gravel Pit September 30
  - h. Graves Mountain, GA open dig October 5-7

#### **D. Scholarship Committee:**

1. Scholarship winners will be volunteering at the show

#### **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: Keep it Fun, Keep it Safe-Fieldtrip Safety tips by Eric from Geoscape
2. Next General Meeting is scheduled for June 6 at Portage Senior Center.

#### **MEETING WAS ADJOURNED**

**Cynthia Gauthier, recording Secretary**

**DATE APPROVED with corrections June 6, 2023**