

KGMS General Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2023

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

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS:

Kids: Abby Sanscrainte, Hunter Sanscrainte,
Logan Bedore

Adults: Jacob Sanscrainte, Chuck Parks, Teresa Payne

SECRETARY REPORT: read and accepted with corrections

TREASURER REPORT: no report

A. 2023 Show

1. Dave reported 285 tables have been reserved. Layout has not been finalized.
2. Sheila announced show volunteer sign up sheets. Rick was able to have volunteer application placed in breakrooms of Pfizer and Stryker. Volunteers, demonstrators and vendors to get a nametag and lanyard. Volunteers needed for Thursday setup.
3. Rick Berner announced postcards and car magnets with show information to members are available and provided ideas on where to drop off postcards in the community.
4. Rick Berner provided update on Peachjar use for Kids Day, Kids program and KGMS Show.
5. Rick was able to contact regional salesman at Channel 3 news for show publicity and who knows a possible speaker at a general meeting
6. Sheri Crum has t-shirt sign-up for volunteers at show
7. Gem tree Workbee is scheduled for 7pm March 13 at Spring Valley Church.
8. Some vendors will have display cases at the show.
9. Sue Haas announced Silent Auction guidelines at the show. Sue to bring master Silent Auction bid sheets for April meeting. Bid sheets are also available on KGMS website. White sheets are for 100% sale going to club. Colored sheets are for members get 80% and

club gets 20% of sale. Each item to be individually in zip lock bag with bid sheet showing item name included. Silent auction guidelines also available online. Silent Auction area does need bubble wrap, newspaper, grocery bags and tissue paper donations.

10. The next Show Committee meeting is scheduled for 22 March at Main Street Pub, Kalamazoo at 6:30pm. All members welcome.

B. Membership:

1. Dave announced visitors / new members

C. Fieldtrips:

1. Kim is working on a scheduling fieldtrips. Current locations include:
 - a. Sylvania in May
 - b. Flint Ridge in May
 - c. Herkimer in June
 - d. Beach Day in July
 - e. Ishpeming/Keweenaw in August
 - f. Cheney in August
 - g. Byholt in September

D. Scholarship Committee:

1. No update

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. All are carnivores. One has arrived. WMU to meet with Landscape Department to determine installation location. Dave to send out pictures when received.
2. Karen Larsen requested a rock program for the Childrens Nature Playscape on Bronson Park in Kalamazoo. Volunteer would speak once a month during summer. Interested members contact Dave Haas for details.
3. The Spring River Gem and Mineral Club would like to do a rock swap. Interested members contact Dave for details.

F. 2022 KGMS Tailgate

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

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Program: Continuation of Live Auction from December
2. Jackson Show is March 17-19, 2023
3. Grand Rapids club show is April 6-8 at Rogers Plaza
4. Dave shared a box of satellite brochures he received from a professor at Arizona State University

5. Next General Meeting is scheduled for April 4 at Portage Senior Center.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED

Cynthia Gauthier, recording Secretary

DATE APPROVED April 4, 2023