

KGMS Board Meeting Minutes  
March 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Dave Haas, President, called the meeting to order via ZOOM. There was a quorum. There were 10 participants.

Treasurer Report: not read.

Secretary Report: read and accepted with corrections

Committee Reports:

**1. 2024 Annual Show:**

- 1 Show Theme: Let Us Rock your World
- 2 Next show committee meeting: March 19 at 6:30pm at Main Street Pub on Gull Road to discuss food and signage.
- 3 Dave to drop off final show floor plan to Expo Center for approval

**Vendors**

1. 45 Vendors have been confirmed to attend

**Advertising**

1. Rick continues to connect with local businesses on displaying show postcards

**Hospitality**

1. Cynthia shared meal plans for show weekend.
  - a. Thursday Lunch—Little Ceasars pizza
  - b. Friday Lunch—EMA Catering—Taco Bar
  - c. Friday Dinner—Chick-fil-A
  - d. Saturday Lunch—Grand Traverse Pie Company boxed lunches
  - e. Saturday Dinner—Janis Catering
  - f. Sunday Lunch—Pulled Pork

**Security**

1. Mark Gossler will be security at the show

## **Displays**

1. Only 6 display cases have been reserved so far. KGMS to have a fieldtrip case at information booth.

## **Demonstrators**

1. Bruce reported that the HAM group will not attend show if they cannot provide live demonstration. Dave reported that HAM group must control volume of transmission

## **Silent Auction**

\*no update

## **Specimen Table**

2. Bill Mitchell reported he will not be at the show this year. Cynthia or Jim Trill to monitor specimen table

## **Arts/Crafts and Kids Games**

\*Gem Tree workbee planned in April

## **Gold Panning**

1. No report

## **Gold Mine**

1. Jack to bring totes for the mine

## **Volunteers**

1. Dave suggested providing a package for volunteers
2. Suggestions on providing incentives for people to volunteer at the show such as picnic or special fieldtrip
3. Discussion on how to get more outside volunteers at the show and how to manage them especially around cash boxes. Board agreed more members need to volunteer. Discussion on how to ensure trustworthy individuals are volunteering and a way of verifying character

4. Sheri Crum to review t-shirt sizes and have a sign up sheet at April General Meeting for members to request shirts. Needed sizes include kids/youth, S, M and 3X.

### **Admission and Tickets**

\*no report

### **School Kids/Kids Day**

1. Nine schools and 4 home schools are confirmed and will include 16-20 teachers. Estimated 600 kids
2. Discussion on providing a package to teachers that included a rock and information sheet
3. Discussion on increasing bus subsidies for 2025

### **Speakers/Presentations**

1. Emily to get paid for speaking at the show on Kids club
2. Discussion on having Eric of Yooperlites to be the main speaker at the show.
3. Current speaker list includes:
  - a. Eric-Yooperlites
  - b. Eric from Geoscape
  - c. Paleo Joe
  - d. Emily from Kids Club
  - e. Don
  - f. Grace Cooper-Gemstones

### **B. Fieldtrip Committee**

1. Sheri provided proposal for fieldtrip stipend: Maximum requested \$1700. This would cover:
  - a. First Aid kit--\$50
  - b. Incidentals--\$50
  - c. Long Distance trips--\$900
  - d. Regional trips (1-2 days)--\$200
  - d. Local day trips--\$100

e. Special events/group dinner--\$400

Dave to check bilaws to make sure there are no restrictions mentioned. Dave to check with Kate on any 501C3 legal restrictions concerning proposal and report back by April 2 General meeting. A motion was made to accept \$1700 proposal on condition it does not conflict with bilaws or interfere with 501C3 status. Motion was seconded and passed

### **C. Kids Area Committee**

1. There were 24 kids at the February General Meeting. KGMS to talk to Emily about continuing to work in 2024-2025 year.

### **D. Education/Outreach Committee**

1. WMU to uncrate the Dinosaurs 9am on Thursday. Media may be present at 10am when dinosaurs are set on platforms. Kalamazoo Kids to be invited to unveiling. Bruce, Dave and Rick to attend. Cynthia to send out notice to general membership prior to event.
2. WMU scholarship applications were due March 15. Bill to review applications. The Board will approve award once applications are reviewed
3. Dave to give a presentation on Meteorites at Richland Pubic Library on April 20 at 11am
4. Bill to have a display at Parchment Public Library April1-30

### **E. Membership**

1. \*no report

### **F. KGMS 2024 Tailgate**

1. Tailgate will be September 14, 2024, but will move to first weekend after Labor Day in 2025—September 6, 2025
2. Lori Loomis of Rock and Mineral Shows website has offered to promote tailgate on website for \$35. A link to the KGMS Facebook page would also be included. Motion was made to accept proposal, but tabled until after the show on whether to use this venue to advertise tailgate.

## **G. Miscellaneous**

1. Kingsley North sent a donation box of items to KGMS for Silent Auction and Club Meeting Live Auctions. Cynthia to send a thank you note for the donation.
2. Cynthia dropped off Card to Jerry VanNocker
3. Dave proposed 29 June at 10am for KGMS summer workbee to work on 2025 show prep.
3. Next General Meeting, April 2. Program: Security Officer presentation

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Cynthia Gauthier  
Recording Secretary

Date Approved with corrections:  
April 22, 2024

Board Title	Elected Person	Attended
President	Dave Haas	Y
Vice-President	Bruce Atherton	Y
Treasurer	Ron Grenadier	N
Secretary	Cynthia Gauthier	Y
Liaison	Bill Mitchell	Y
Members at Large	Kim Strawbridge	Y
	Rick Berner	Y
	Sheri Crum	Y
Media Editor	vacant	
<b>QUORUM (need 5)</b>		Y

**Additional Attendees**

Sue Haas—Silent Auction Lead  
 Sheila Atherton—Volunteer Coordinator  
 Sally Berner—KGMS member