

KGMS General Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2023

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

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS:

Kids: Korben Smith, Paisley Sanscrainte, Vashti Levi

Adults: Emily Sanscrainte, Lynn McFarlen, Karen Knapp, Ken Ahrens

SECRETARY REPORT: read and accepted with corrections

TREASURER REPORT: no report

A. 2023 Show

1. Dave reported 42 vendors have confirmed they will be attending the show. There is a possibility of 45 total with 8 new vendors attending.
2. Dave announced daily door prize options for membership vote which included a blue carved buffalo, sea jasper coasters, Celestite specimen, Ammonite specimen, Orthocerus plate. Grand Prize will be an Amethyst Cathedral. Dave to buy 2024 show prizes from 2023 vendors. Member are encouraged to suggest options in the \$60-70 price range to Dave before close of show on Sunday.
3. Sheila announced show volunteer and display case sign up sheets.
4. Rick Berner announced 1500-2000 postcards left to distribute with 30 days left until show. Channel 3 announcement has been finalized and area radio stations contacted.
5. Rick Berner reported KGMS spent \$500 for use of Peachjar which allowed KGMS to reach approximately 9400 students and teachers. KGMS may be able to use Peachjar for free next year.
6. Dave announced speakers at the show will be, A.E Seaman Museum curator, Eric from Geoscape, Eric (Yooperlite) and Paleo Joe
7. Sheila announced 6 demonstrators have confirmed for show
8. Dave announced KGMS t-shirt sign-up sheet for show volunteers is available
9. Each vendor will receive a packet with vendor application for 2024 that they can submit to information booth before end of 2023 show.

10. Sue Haas announced Master bid sheets and Silent Auction guidelines for the show. Bid sheets and guidelines are also available on the 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 donations are preferred on Thursday, but will be accepted all weekend. Needed items include bubble wrap, newspaper, grocery bags and tissue paper donations. Two auctions are scheduled every hour
11. Fluorescent mineral display will be set up in Room D and Tony Payne will add specimens to the display

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
 - 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. Bill reported 6 applications were received and KGMS will award \$1000 each to the 6 awardees. Scholarship awards to be presented at the April 21 award banquet at WMU. Awardees are expected to help at a minimum of 4 hours at the show and provide a presentation of research at the KGMS September General Meeting. Scholarship applications are sent out in January each year with due date at the end of March

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; third one expected to arrive

week of April 2-6. WMU finalizing installation location. Dave shared pictures of the park to membership.

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. Interested members contact Dave Haas for details.
3. Bill announced rock display at the Parchment Library. Plainwell Library will have a display in the fall.

F. 2022 KGMS Tailgate

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

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Dave announced 20K views of KGMS Show page on Facebook
2. Next General Meeting is scheduled for May 2 at Portage Senior Center.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED

Cynthia Gauthier, recording Secretary

DATE APPROVED with corrections May 2, 2023