

# CBRGC General Meeting

April 3rd, 2014

Roz, in Michele's absence, called the meeting to order at 1803 hours at the Merritt Island Library, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. New visitors were welcomed.

Minutes from the March 6, 2014 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

No Treasurer's report tonight, with Cindy being absent.

Membership report was presented by Sara, membership total paid members 91 for the current year.

Show 2015 update per Roz: The club is looking at replacing a few vendors from last year's show. Also, we are unsure if we will be using the annex next year. The admission fee will remain the same. The Parks dept. will be looking to see if there will be other tables to use from other park's facilities and the club is looking at using other vendors for table rentals. The club will purchase a wireless PA system to use however there will still be no way to communicate with the annex, if it is used.

Workshop report: The club will purchase a new genie and we will be replacing wheels as needed on the other genies. The club will no longer use the Sears machine once the new one arrives. Mario's saw safety CD is ready for use on the shop computer. He is working on more CD's. Tree- trimming outside completed by the HOA. Wesche Jeweler's was thanked for the donated casting supplies. Craig is working on an inventory of the shop. He has 3/4<sup>th</sup> of the shop completed. Tom is working on a safety sheet to include eyewear, long pants and closed toe shoes. Lowell reports all machines are up and running. The left genie has had some work done on it and the 18 inch saw has been repaired after it was discovered that the wrong bearings were in the machine causing the issues. Anyone using the 18 inch saw needs to have a supervisor check your set up before using the saw. A star machine wheel has been ordered. Safety will be enforced by the supervisors. The big saw will have a 2 slab per person limit on use, supervisors to enforce this. Mario will start learning to teach cabbing with Lowell and he has donated slabs to the shop for use by cabbing students. Current shop hours are Sunday 1-4, Wed. 9-12, 1-4, 6-9, and Thurs. 6-9. Assistance with cabbing, metal or silver-smithing, and any other projects will be provided during open shop as possible. .

Class schedule: As published in newsletter. Sign-up sheets are available for classes. Roz will collect a \$10 fee when classes are signed up for as a deposit for the first class and to hold your place in class. Members are requested to show their receipts and membership cards at the first class. Members are to notify class instructors if they cannot attend the class and are requested not to be late for classes. Anyone interested in ordering an opal packet for an opal class see Michele. Gem ID with Billy starts April 12, cabbing with Lowell begins on Mondays and advanced cabbing will be on Fridays. Faceting with Billy and Craig on Wednesdays, they have room for one more student. John will teach Gem trees on

Sundays. See John if interested. Kumihimo with Emily and Mary will start Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> for 2 weeks with kits available for purchase for the class. Michele and Tom will teach a wire wrap cage class on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

New Business: Billy reserved KARS Park to have the picnic there on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Roz will get the food, Tom will cook and members are to bring a covered dish. Billy will be the auctioneer for the live auction and we will have a silent auction also. Directions and more info will be announced later. The board voted for purchase of a new genie and wheels needed for the other machines.

Old Business: No issues with the email. No updates on the cookbook from Erleen. Ongoing fundraising includes cans collected in the shop and meeting door prizes by Lowell. Lowell is running a 6 for \$5 ticket special tonight. The club needs ideas for fundraising and a fundraising coordinator if anyone is interested. The library showcase is now in Cape Canaveral, set up by Michele and Craig. The showcase is then scheduled in May in Cocoa, volunteers are needed to help move the display. The Manatee game date will be July 12, tickets are \$6 each, Emily has tickets and they will be available in the shop. Emily and Mary will need help in having a stand at the game for raffles and will need help with doing a 50-50 raffle also at the game. Fundraising ideas discussed included selling club tote bags and T-shirts. The Orlando Gem show will be this weekend April 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Announcements: SFMS Federation website is [afms.org/sfms](http://afms.org/sfms), their newsletter is the Lodestar in which members can receive by signing up by email. The class schedule is out for this year on the website. . Roz continuing to collect stamps for possible scholarship through SFMS, no forever flag stamps accepted. Refreshments break and door prizes by Lowell. Club member Kay Swindle was guest speaker talking about living in Nevada and showing specimens that she collected while living there. Show and Tell with Dorothy Catana showed a beaded Cab necklace and earrings she made. Meeting was adjourned at 1929 hours.