

## CBRGC General Meeting

March 5, 2015

Michele called the meeting to order at 1802 hours at the Merritt Island Library. Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes for February 5, 2015 as published in the February newsletter was requested by Michelle and approved by the general membership present. 31 members were present.

Treasurer's report was submitted by Eivor Brown and filed for audit.

Membership report was presented by Sara. Membership total is 81 members for 2015.

Show 2015 Summary per email received from Roz: 38<sup>th</sup> symphony of Gem show occurred on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. We had steady foot traffic both days. Majority of vendors were pleased with accommodations and the fact that people were purchasing items. Silent Auction brought in \$928.24 the best ever. Having the Grand Prize in the annex did bring people in with some attendance at the demos. Bringing people to the actual vendors who donated door prizes went well with vendors and patrons. Microphone system was problematic with Kiwanis equipment but that will be remedied for our next show which will be Feb 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2016. Overall we had a profit of \$5614.58 which will greatly help with paying our rent and maintain and purchase equipment for the workshop.

Workshop report: Bids for the donated Lortone saw/grinder and the 3 drum tumbler are due to Michelle by 7 PM tonight. . A wish list for general maintenance items is in the newsletter. Current shop hours are Sunday 1-4, Wed. 9-12, 1-4, 6-9, and Thurs. 6-9. Assistance with cabbing, metal or silversmithing, and any other projects will be provided during open shop as possible. Bill will teach Faceting 9-12am Weds mornings. Bill will teach wax carving Sat mornings 9-12. Michelle and Roz will teach basic wirewrap on Tues evenings 6-9. John is teaching Filigree (beg silversmithing is a prerequisite) also on Tues evenings from 6-9. Anyone interested in supervising at the shop, please let Michele or Billy know.

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. Members are encouraged not to wait for a class to learn to cut cabochons, silversmithing, chain making, or fused glass. They can come into the open shop to learn and find out what materials are needed for just \$5.00. John will be available to assist Lucy with casting and continue to help with general maintenance/electrical issues.

New Business: Scholarship Committee awarded the 2015 scholarship to Roz Mestre. Bill has reserved Kars Park for the April 18, 2015 Picnic. Cheryl Ostman has volunteered to function as Picnic Coordinator for Picnic/Auction on April 18<sup>th</sup> at KARS Park. Roz continues to collect aluminum cans toward shop

revenue. Club mugs are available at the meeting for \$5.00 each. Club tote bags will be available at shop for \$3.00 each. No new status on cookbook.

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 via email. There will be a SFMS Meeting in Melbourne in September 2015. Details will be available as received by SFMS in the coming months. SFMS has suspended the stamp program so we are no longer collecting stamps.

A break was taken for refreshments and Mario selected four raffle prize winners. Bill Dewey gave a short program on corundum which was informative and well received by the members present. Meeting was adjourned at 1925 hours.