

CBRGC General Meeting

May 7, 2015

Michele called the meeting to order at 1800 hours at the Merritt Island Library. Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes for April 2, 2015 as published in the March newsletter was requested by Michelle and approved by the general membership present. 17 members were present.

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

Membership report was presented by Michelle as Sara was absent. Membership total is 100 members for 2015. (unconfirmed)

Show 2016 is scheduled for February 6-7 at Kiwanis venue. Show Banner for outside venue is being researched by Roz.

Workshop report: Workshop committee met May 4, 2015 at 6 PM. Craig had contacted Diamond Pacific re Genie warranty repair. Vacuum pump sold at picnic has table that goes with it still at shop. No bids were received for the Lortone saw/grinder. New shop light fixture by sink being installed by John. Lighting improvement also planned at saw corner. Table by 18" saw moved by Mario next to refrigerator to hold rolling mill. Thanks to Pete and Roz for trimming palm tree at the front door of shop. Current shop hours are Sunday 1-4, Wed. 9-12, 1-4, 6-9, and Thurs. 6-9. Assistance with cabbng, metal or silversmithing, and any other projects will be provided during open shop as possible.

Class Schedule: Bill will teach Faceting 9-12am Weds mornings until May 20 and Craig will provide instruction through the summer. Michelle will teach either beginner or intermediate wirewrap on Tues evenings from 6-9 dependent upon interest. Mario and Roz will teach cabbng on Mon evenings from 6-9. John and Lucy are offering Beginning Silversmithing on Tues evenings from 6-9. 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 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. Shop supervisors are still being sought.

New Business: 2014 audit status is pending with Roberta. Aluminum can collection has been suspended at shop as it is no longer cost effective. 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. Library showcase Suntime November. Picnic/Auction was held on Saturday April 18th at KARS Park. Thanks to Cheryl and Rick for coordinating the food, Tom and Craig for grilling, Bill, Emily and Sue Grindle for both the auction or material and equipment and the silent auction, Eivor and Sue N for recording auction bids. Club made \$488.00 minus \$99.00 in expenses. Part of the expenses will be recovered by the soft drinks/bottled water returned to the shop after the picnic. This will amount to approx. \$22.00 which makes the picnic net profit \$411.00. A fun day was had by all who attended and we hope to make 2016 an even better event.

Announcements: SFMS Federation website is 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 from SFMS in the coming months. William Holland School of Lapidary Arts in Ga has classes May through October – www.lapidaryschool.org

A break was taken for refreshments and Mario selected four raffle prize winners. Bill Dewey presented a DVD “Gems of America” which was informative and well received by the members present. Meeting was adjourned at 1945 hours.