

CBRGC General Meeting

March 6, 2014

Michele called the meeting to order at 1802 hours at the Merritt Island Library, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. New visitors were welcomed.

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

Treasurer's report was presented by Cindy and filed for audit.

Membership report was presented by Sara, membership total paid members 72 for the current year.

Show 2014 recap per Roz: The show did great with approximately 700 attendees. Vendors did well. The club will be working on quirks from this year to improve for next year which includes the PA system, uses of the Annex, better signage, food trucks available all day, both days. Coffee, tea and water all day, scheduling demos, and need more help from club members. The show isn't for the vendors, it is for the club to make money to buy more equipment and pay shop rent and expenses. The 2015 show days will be Feb. 7 and 8th with parking issues to be resolved with a parking area to be cordoned off for our show.

Workshop report: The club is discussing purchasing a cabbing machine which will be either buying new vs. used machines from the Tomoka club. The club has informed the shop owner the trees need to be trimmed. He is referring it to the HOA. Wesche Jewelers has donated casting equipment (vulcanizer, molds, small equipment) to the club, a thank you note will be sent. The 18inch saw blade was damaged Sunday and will need to be replaced, needed parts have been ordered by Lowell. Members have been donating supplies. Thank you to each of the club members who have donated items. Lowell is still in need of rags if anyone has any to donate. Craig is assisting Lowell with repairs and is looking into less expensive alternative sources for oil. Mario's health has delayed him from learning to teach cabbing with Lowell. 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. Classes include Silver fabricating a box clasp with Lucy and John, not for beginners, Gem ID with Billy, cabbing with Lowell, drawing design with Larry, beginning wire wrap with Michele and Tom, fused glass with Lucy, and faceting with Billy and Craig.

New Business: The club still needs a Parliamentarian. If anyone is interested, see Michele. Also a picnic coordinator is needed. Roz will get the food for the picnic. Billy will check into a membership at KARS

Park to have the picnic there on June 7th if the date is available. Roberta will be in charge of the Audit committee.

Old Business: No issues with the email, Sara is to get member emails addresses to Mary. No updates on the cookbook from Erleen. Ongoing fundraising includes cans collected in the shop and meeting door prizes by Lowell. Cans are getting 45 cents per pound. 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 Satellite Beach set up by Roz and Larry. April in Cape Canaveral, Craig will help Michele set up from Satellite Beach to Cocoa, they will check if can do it all in one day. The showcase is then scheduled in May in Cocoa, and June in Merritt Island and Cocoa Beach Jan 2015. The Manatee game date will be announced when available. The KSC donated printer is having difficulties printing the newsletters with only 11 newsletters being mailed. The printer needs to use a laser cartridge.

Announcements: SFMS Federation website is 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 Brooks donated an autographed book that she wrote for tonight's door prize drawing. Craig announced the Melbourne club is having a field trip to Fort Drum if any member is interested in going. The cost is 45 dollars for the day. Roberta was guest speaker talking about her trip to Tucson. Show and Tell with Norma showing cabs and wirewrap and silversmith projects, Kay showing wirewrap items, Craig showing wire pendant and earring he made, and Mario showed obsidian from Mt. St. Helens. Meeting was adjourned at 1934 hours.