

CBRGC General Meeting

May 1, 2014

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

No new visitors are present.

Minutes from the April 3, 2014 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report by Cindy for April and Michele read report for March. Reports accepted and are subject for audit.

Membership report was presented by Michele in Sara's absence. As of Monday, membership total is 96 paid members for the current year.

Show 2015 update per Michele with Roz being absent: The date for next year's show is Feb. 7-8, 2015 with set up Feb. 6th. We are booked at the Kiwanis Island with the same room space with cost under negotiation. Table vendors are being sought but none in Orlando will deliver to this area. The club is hoping the county will provide us with 6 foot tables as they did 2 years ago.

Workshop report: The board approved the purchase of a new genie and new pixie and genie wheels, which were received yesterday. Tom is working on the table. Craig and Lowell refurbished the Star machine which looks new now. Craig is working on the inventory, he still needs to do wax and casting supplies. Tom is updating the safety procedures which the workshop committee will need to review. Roz will purchase the investment for the June casting class and John reports the club has plenty of base. 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. Lucy 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. Opal packets for the opal class are in, with one available, see Michele. The packets have an Ethiopian opal this time and Michele will ask Michael Bodrogi to help with the Ethiopian opals. Gem ID with Billy will be May 3 and 10 if 3 people sign up. Lowell hopes to set up Friday mornings for advanced cabbing with Mario learning to teach cabbing. Lowell can't do classes on Sat. due to commitments to the other club and entering cabs for completion in the Tulsa show. Lowell will teach basic cabbing on Mondays. Anyone interested in Kumihimo, Mary and Emily will offer another class in June or July. John will teach Metal-smithing projects or Gem trees on Sundays. See John if interested. Dean will be unable to teach beaded cabochon until July, but she's in the open shop on Wed. and Thursday if anyone wants her to help learn.

New Business: Billy reserved KARS Park to have the picnic there on June 7th. 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 will be available in the newsletter.

Old Business: Club members are asked to use the club's email for any inquiries. Mary will send Sara the emails that are not working so Sara can verify with the members their correct email address. 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 Cocoa, set up by Roz. 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. The club hopes to be selling club tote bags before the Manatee game.

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. Lowell did show and tell with a collection on items flint napped. Craig may potentially teach a class on this in the future. He said there in a group in Ocala that holds a Nap In every year and he is trying to get someone to come speak at our club meeting sometime. A purple notebook is available for members to request classes, please put name and phone number with request. A flyer is available for the Tulsa show, which is where Lowell in trying to enter his cab collection. Also information is available for the American Lands Access Association. The group protects public lands and they are trying to get more people to support them. Their website is amlands.org. Refreshments break and door prizes by Lowell. Meeting was adjourned at 1910 hours, after the Pledge of Allegiance.