

CBRGC General Meeting

October 2, 2014

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

Welcome to all new visitors present.

Minutes from the Sept. 4, 2014 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

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

Membership report was presented by Sara, membership total is 104 paid members for the current year.

Nominees for 2015 officers were presented by Madeline: Michele Huntington President, 1st Vice President Bill Dewey, 2nd Vice President Sara Fellows, Secretary Cheryl Ostman, Treasurer Eivor Brown, Directors Lucy Caracoglia, Tom Brown, Roz Mestre, and Emily Holston.

Show 2015 update per Roz: The date for next year's show is Feb. 7-8, 2015 with set up Feb. 6th. Flyers are in and ready for distribution. The deposit has been paid. Most vendors have sent in some money and the club is still trying to contact 3 vendors. There will be no vendors in the annex this year with the sluice, membership, grand prize and demo's in the annex. The club will not be charged to use the annex. The club has the ATM contract. Florida Today needs to be contacted in December about placing an ad in the paper. Kiwanis Island will provide the 6 foot tables and a vendor will provide the 8 foot tables. The club needs volunteers to help with the show and a volunteer coordinator to help with placing the volunteers where needed. Club members who volunteer the entire show will receive one free class session and volunteers one day will receive a free shop session. The silent auction needs donations. The club has a sound system, available on loan, but we need a volunteer to do the announcing. Also the club needs someone to help with publicity and show advertising. The food truck Apps will be here all weekend and we are working on getting a second truck. Craig has volunteered to do the grand prize. The club also needs members to help distribute flyers to businesses throughout the community.

Workshop report: The recently donated Pixie is being rebuilt and refurbished. 2 tumblers also donated and Billy is repairing one that needed repairs. The 10 inch saw was cleaned. Craig is nearly finished with inventory. New safety guidelines will be distributed soon. Only clean oil is to be used in the machines. Roz ordered Pixie wheels, leathers and belts. The club will have 3 Genies and 2 Pixies once they are all up and running. No bids have been received on the Sears machine. 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 cabbng, metal or silver-smithing, and any other projects will be provided during open shop as possible. Members are encouraged to use the shop.

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. Lucy and John will teach silver-smithing Tues. evenings 6-9 beginning Oct. 21 if anyone is interested. Tom and Michele will teach wirewrap Oct. 21 and 28. Opals are continuing on Mondays. See Billy if anyone is interested in faceting on Saturdays. Anyone interested in Kumihimo, see Mary and Emily. John will teach Metal-smithing projects or Gem trees on Sundays. See John if interested. Dean will teach beaded cabochon on Thursday if anyone wants her to help learn. Billy will teach Gem ID if anyone signs up.

New Business: The Board is discussing changing the club picnic from June to April and Billy will check with KARS Park on making a reservation in April 2015 on a Saturday, that is not Easter weekend. The Christmas party will be Dec. 4th at Brano's again, \$20 per person, see Lucy for forms.

Old Business: The audit for 2013 was done by Roberta. It was completed with the change in record keeping systems and treasurers. Audit dates were from March 2013-June 2014. Mary reports no issues with the website. Michele announced Mary won 7th place in the AFMS newsletter competition. No updates on the cookbook from Erleen. Ongoing fundraising includes cans collected in the shop and meeting door prizes by Mario. Club bags are for sale here and in the shop for \$3 each. The next library showcase will be in Cocoa Beach in January, and Roz is needing a volunteer to set it up. Bakers Beads has been donating bags of cans to the club when they can.

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 Mario. Emily and Mary gave a presentation on rock hounding and sea glass collecting in the British Virgin Islands with samples of glass and specimens they collected. Show and Tell: Jane displayed a gem tree she made , Lucy and John brought samples of various items that can be made in classes, Roz brought in silver pieces of jewelry with jasper and fused glass, Michele showed a stone necklace she made and Janet displayed a boulder opal she finished with silver. Meeting was adjourned at 1933 hours.