

Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
General Membership Meeting
January 5, 2017

Attendees (23)

Officers: Phil Richardson, Bill Yedowitz, Lavone Archer, Mike Williams

Other Trustees: Chris Whitney-Smith, Doug Duffy, Joseph Philpott, Darrel Dodd, Dawn Boushelle, Dana Slaughter, Michael Shannon, Les Presmyk, Chuck Kominski.

Members and Guests: Shirley Cote, Rosa Dodd, Don Boushelle, Tony Occhiuzzi, Steve Scott, Neil Bearce, Steve Kaminski, Max Kaminski, Jerad Asp, John Weide.

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Phil Richardson at the Physical Sciences Building at Mesa Community College in Mesa, AZ.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Genie Howell was not present – there was no treasurer's report.

II. MINUTES OF November 17, 2016, PLANNING MEETING

A **motion** was made to accept the minutes as written (Bill Yedowitz). The **motion** was seconded (Chris Whitney-Smith) and passed by vote.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. *Collection Committee* (Bill Yedowitz)

a) U of Arizona Update – The Pima County courthouse building in Tucson is in the process of being renovated and will house a new mineral museum. Interior demolition is complete, exterior work is in progress and the facility will potentially be open in 2018. FMF specimens (~272) that are currently on display in the Flandrau museum at U of A may go to a new gallery in the courthouse with FMF approval/commitment.

The local storage facility that is used for FMF specimens/storage is under new management and fees may change. With insurance costs for storage, Bill said it would be ideal to move the remaining specimens to the courthouse/museum and under museum insurance coverage.

In the case that the old museum reopens in Phoenix, the FMF would retain the right to move part of the FMF collection from Tucson to Phoenix.

Bill discussed what items remained at the storage facility and provided an update on the Flagg cases donated to the Pinal Gem and Mineral Society in Coolidge.

b) Recent Donations & Purchases:

Bill reported the following donations:

Mark Hay & Dick Morris - 16 flats (180 pieces) of Oatman Fluorite/79 Mine
Paul Bakerman - 41 flats various materials
Evan Jones – 26 flats assorted specimens and 85 reference books/publications
Dawn and Don Boushelle – 2 flats Mexican halite/opal geodes
Sue and Stan Celestian – 12 wooden A L Flagg mineral boxes (sold)
Dana Slaughter – 4 flats of assorted specimens, used at symposium
Mike Shannon – 4 flats of assorted minerals
John Scully – 3 flats of assorted minerals
Steve Scott – mineral specimens for the symposium, perky/plastic boxes.
Jim McGlasson – Dick Bideaux mineral slides (10 trays) – these were digitized
Chuck Kominski – 11 flats of assorted minerals for 2017 FGMS
Chuck Houser – 15-16 calcite specimens were purchased/donated to the FMF
Chris Whitney-Smith – donated an andradite garnet for symposium
Bob Jones – donated a variety of mineral books and wine for the symposium
Elaine and Bob Royer – ~2000 species type specimens via donation letter.
(These specimens will be stored for 3 years prior to offering them for sale.)

Bill reported on additions to the FMF collection from donations/purchases:

Malachite/Chrysocolla (Old Dominion), Papagoite (Ajo), Variscite/Pyrite (Bisbee), Hemimorphite (79 Mine), Dioptase/Calcite (Magma Mine), Cobaltian Calcite (Morocco), Calcite/Pyrite/Marcasite (Illinois) and a Sand Calcite from Lake Havasu City. These specimens were on display at the meeting.

Bill reported the following purchases for the 2017 FGMS:

\$1350 in specimens from Top Gem to offer for sale
Honda generator for FGMS shows
Various 3' & 8' tables, shirts and new FMF banners for 2017 FGMS

B. *FMF Website* (Mike Williams)

Phil provided an overview of the website and reminded attendees that new content is always welcome. Mike reported that the website had recently been updated to include the current 2017 Minerals of Arizona symposium information.

C. *Field Trips*

The FMF is working with the MSA (Joe Philpott Jr.) to schedule joint field trips. Recently, the MSA has been very successful in planning a variety of field trips and 2017 MSA field trips are posted on the FMF website. Joe provided a description of upcoming field trips for 2017. Paid FMF members are welcome on MSA field trips.

D. *Nomination Committee* (Bill Yedowitz)

Phil reported that all 2016 FMF officers have agreed to stay in current positions for 2017 and offered to take nominations from the floor. There were no new nominations.

Bill Y. stated that he was unable to contact Jeff Johnson and that Dawn Boushelle would take over Jeff's position as a trustee with a term expiring in 2020.

A **motion** was made (Les Presmyk) to approve the 2017 officers and trustees as stated. The **motion** was seconded by Dana Slaughter and carried by vote.

IV. FLAGG SHOW 2017

A. *Advertising* – Phil, Dana and others discussed the variety of advertising that had been submitted or appeared for the 2017 FGMS. There are approximately 110 vendors signed up for the show.

B. *New Features for the 2017 FGMS*

a) Food Court – There will be a variety of food vendors situated against the south fence to drive foot traffic in that direction including coffee, BBQ, sandwiches, fry bread, lemonade and ice cream vendors.

b) MSA – A new micromounting area will be available and staffed by Nathan Scholten and others. At least one microscope will be available setup for photomicrography with an attached laptop.

c) Junior Thumbnail Competition – There will be six junior thumbnail cases available in the display area for the 2017 junior competition. Judging will be done by Les Presmyk.

d) Security – Two individuals from ProAm Security will be on-site (full time/24 hours) at the show through Sunday night at 5PM. Mesa Community College security will also be on-site as available.

V. 2018 FLAGG SHOW – 5-7 January 2018

A. *Dealer Fees* – Dealer fees will increase for the 2018 FGMS due to increased MCC fees and security costs. These minor increases will include:

Two spaces (24') will increase from \$70 to \$100

Five spaces will increase to \$200

Additional spaces will increase to \$30/space.

These new fees are reflected in the current 2018 dealer contracts.

B. *Co-Chairmen* – The co-chairs for the 2018 FGMS will be Bill Yedowitz, Chris Whitney-Smith and Les Presmyk.

- C. *2018 FGMS Theme* – There was a discussion of potential themes for the 2018 FGMS. Suggestions included Bisbee and the Grand Reef Mine. After group discussion the theme will tentatively be the Grand Reef Mine. Phil requested that Mike Shannon spearhead specimen selection for the display and photo selection for the 2018 poster design. Les suggested that specimens appearing on the FGMS poster for 2018 be included in the display case at the show.

VI. MINERALS OF ARIZONA SYMPOSIUM – 31March-2April 2017

- A. *Organization* – Anna Domitrovic is the chair for the 2017 symposium which will be co-sponsored by the FMF and The Arizona Sonora Desert Museum. The tailgating/dealer hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express on Cortaro Rd./110. The FMF has set aside a block of 15 rooms for dealers.
- B. *Events/Lectures* – The lecture slate is set for the 2017 symposium and is available on the website. There was a discussion of scheduling for symposium events including the XRF analysis session, the ASDM vault visit and the Sunday field trip.
- C. *Website* – Mike requested that a high resolution symposium poster image be emailed to him when available for inclusion on the website. He also requested that anyone who has a complete scan of old symposium booklets (with abstracts) send them to him in pdf format for inclusion on the website. Les stated that he has a complete set of symposium booklets available as hardcopies.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *ESM Update* – Shirley reported that the ESM was currently in a holding pattern to see what happens with the old mineral museum downtown. The ESM continues to be heavily involved in community outreach and educational programs.
- B. *LGF Foundation* – Phil stated that the LGF Foundations opportunity to secure financing and land adjacent to Tempe Town Lake has passed. It will potentially be repositioned to Papago Buttes if financing is available.
- C. *TGMS Displays* – Both the FMF and MSA will have cases at the TGMS. Bill and Phil requested that FMF members who have specimens appropriate for this year's TGMS theme "Midwest Minerals" contact them if they would like a personal specimen included in the case with FMF specimens.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *2018 FGMS* – A **motion** was made (Les Presmyk) to set aside \$600 for Don Boushelle to design the appropriate artwork for the 2018 poster with the Grand Reef theme and print 600 copies of the resulting poster. The **motion** was seconded by Chris Whitney-Smith and passed by vote.

- B. *2017 State Fair* – There was a discussion to judge interest in FMF participation in the 2017 AZ State Fair and the related security concerns and length of the fair. No firm decision was made – there will be additional discussion on the topic in the future.

- C. *Darrel Dodd Collection Purchase* – Darrel is offering his collection (~2000 species with full documentation) to the FMF for purchase. Darrel provided a description of the collection materials and Phil stated that he would like to get a group of trustees together along with the officers to view the collection at some time in the near future.

A **motion** was made to close the meeting (Les Presmyk). The **motion** was seconded by Doug Duffy and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Mike Williams, Secretary