

Meeting Minutes  
Flagg Mineral Foundation (FMF)  
Board Meeting  
November 20, 2014

*Attendees (22)*

Officers: Phil Richardson, Lavone Archer, Darrel Dodd, and Bill Yedowitz

Trustees: Doug Lindsay, Stan Celestian, Ray Grant, Genie Howell, Dana Slaughter, Chris Whitney-Smith, Paul Jaeger

Members and Guests: Ann Baker, Pierre Cantou, Sue Celestian, Cynthia Grant, Clete Hinton, Jack Howell, Harvey Jong, Alice LaBonte, Tom LaBonte, Lee Lindsay, Dick Zimmerman

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by Chairman Phil Richardson in Meeting Room A, Burton Barr Library, 1221 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT

Darrel Dodd presented the Treasurer's report detailing the funds in the money market fund, CD, and checking accounts.

II. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2014, BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

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

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. *Collection Committee* (Bill Yedowitz/Phil Richardson)

1. U of A Loan/Display Additional Cabinets at Flandrau Mineral Museum - Phil Richardson, Bill Yedowitz.- Because Mark Candee's contract was not renewed with the University of Arizona, the Museum presently does not have a collections manager. This slows plans to utilize additional Flagg wall cases.
2. Bill Yedowitz will travel to the Flandrau Museum on Dec 8 to disband the special exhibits upstairs.
3. Dave Douglas donated 71 mineral specimens to the Foundation in October.
4. Bill Yedowitz bought two six-foot tables for the Flagg show at Ace Hardware on sale for \$29 each.
5. The Tucson Gem and Mineral Society show's theme for 2015 is Western European minerals. For the Foundation show exhibit, 36 qualifying specimens will be pulled from storage.
6. Temporary Loans - Phil Richardson and Bob Jones will coordinate preparing the case of Arizona minerals on loan from the Foundation at the Cave Creek Museum. A similar exhibit is

pending for the North Mountain Visitors Center (NMVC). The NMVC also would like the Steve Scott fluorescent display, which is too big for the Cave Creek Museum.

B. *Website (Mike Williams)* - Not available - Mike was praised for his work on the website. Also noted were Stan and Sue Celestian's excellent contributions. Bill Yedowitz went through old symposium booklets and found some information about A. Flagg to put in the archives. Desire was expressed to get digitized and put on the website the audio and/or video interviews by Alice Rosenfeld of Marc Watson, Martin Koenig, Floyd Getsinger, Jerry Muncha, Frank Paulich, Ed Flagg, and Richard Flagg. The tapes were in the tour guide office when the Arizona Historical Society (AHS) took control of the museum. There has been no cooperation from AHS for requests to pay for copies of these interviews, for which the Foundation supplied the camera, etc.

C. *Newsletter (Steve Decker)* - Not available. Phil Richardson will submit material for the December newsletter on a new article he is writing on Mr. Flagg's personal collection.

#### IV. FLAGG SHOW 2015, MCC, January 9/10/11, 2015 (Les Presmyk - not present)

A. *Show Chairman/Chairmen* - According to Phil Richardson, the contract with Mesa Community College (MCC) has been received, signed, and mailed back. Rent for the parking lot, the dumpster, and security cost \$3200 for the four days. Neither smoking nor alcohol consumption are allowed. Lavone will incorporate "no alcohol" into next year's contract. Show parking will be allowed only in Lots H & G, not in K (north by planetarium).

B. *Signs* - Bill Yedowitz – **A Motion was made** to buy at least six plastic A-frame signs and to throw away the old wooden Flagg show signs. The motion was seconded and passed by vote (Ray Grant, Genie Howell). The signs will be placed within MCC boundaries and near intersections. Only one year in 28 has the show been placed on the MCC sign, but the request will be made.

C. *Rental* - Bill Yedowitz- Tom LaBonte will pick up the van Thursday morning at Scottsdale and Thomas.

D. *Parking Lot setup* - Lavone Archer requested space for the Gila County club, which wants to do a spinning wheel, near the ice cream vendor, the haul truck, the small engines, and the rental van on the south fence. Dispersing the clubs, which are now on the front row, may be done in the future.

E. *Exhibit update*- Phil Richardson - Eight junior thumbnail exhibitors are anticipated, two exhibits per four-foot case. Steve Kaminski's sons are bringing two exhibits. Another judge is needed besides Les. Phil Richardson will make more liners for the cases. Each exhibitor and MCC geology volunteer will receive Flagg Show Bucks.

F. *Additional Displays* - Darrel Dodd requested help in securing, as an additional exhibit, the 6-7 -foot amethyst from outside the Rare Earth Gallery in Cave Creek. The Foundation has been offered by the owner to use a lot he owns for free for our show.

G. *Publicity* - Ads for the show are in *Rocks and Minerals* and *Mindat*, but not in *Rocks and Gem*. An important omission last year was notice not being published in the Arizona Republic. Alice LaBonte, newsletter editor for the Mineralogical Society of Arizona (MSA) will help

promote the Flagg Show with a full page article. She has a list of all media outlets in Arizona. Marc Fleischer's list from 2014 will be given to Alice.

H. *Phone* - Lavone Archer will carry the temporary phone for show contact. Phil Richardson will retrieve the phone from Les Presmyk and reload minutes.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

A. *Earth Science Museum (ESM)* - Harvey Jong reported many recent events: Earth Science Day at MCC October 18, EarthFest Educator's Night at the Desert Botanical Garden where 70 teachers visited the booth, Earth Science Teachers Association Conference at NAU's North Valley Campus with 112 teachers, Family Geology Day with 100 Scouts, and the upcoming STEMFest in Scottsdale, with potential for 500-600 students.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Member Marc Fleischer was reported by Dana Slaughter to be in the hospital.

B. Phil Richardson suggested going through former symposium books for articles/abstracts for the website. Ray Grant will take care of scanning them. Mike Williams will be asked to post them.

C. *Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum (AMMM)* - Doug Lindsay and Dick Zimmerman - Doug has learned that the Museum lapidary equipment is now at the ASU School of Designing Arts. The Arizona Historical Society (AHS) has moved some minerals to the Papago Park Museum where the charge is \$4 per child in school tours. Some of the mineral showcases are in Miami in Gila County. Minerals have been dispersed to seven locations across the State. The Allen amendment in the 2010 bill to establish the Centennial Museum was to keep the collections intact, continue operation, and preserve the education function.

Dick Zimmerman reported that the AHS became crosswise with the Senate last session so that the Sunset Review recommendation for continuation for AHS as it left the Senate was for only two years. In the House, an AHS lobbyist successfully won lumping all the agencies up for Sunset Review to be renewed for ten years. AHS is to make proposal for disposition of the building for the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, which is probably to turn the building into a "public center for events." The window of opportunity is now for restoration of the Museum. Dick sees this as a two step-process: (1) get rid of AHS; (2) build the Museum. The AMMM had a self-generated income base, enabling 40,000 students per year to visit the Museum for free. Senator Ablesar (D), District 17, has introduced bills for the last three sessions to restore the Museum. There are now three senators on board with looking into the museum situation.

Discussion ensued of process to revamp the Museum given return of building and contents not destroyed. Harvey Jong showed need to estimate costs for a five-year window, predict what is required for retrofit, and assuming no access to budget for repair. ESM would provide outreach.

Phil Richardson will write a letter of support.

D. *Elections at General meeting January 2015*. Bill Y will prepare the slate of trustees and officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 by Chairman Phil Richardson.

Genie Howell for Mike Williams, Secretary