

Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
General Meeting
January 7, 2016
Attendees (32)

Officers: Phil Richardson, Darrel Dodd, Lavone Archer, Mike Williams.

Trustees: Chris Whitney-Smith, Bill Yedowitz, Genie Howell, Dana Slaughter, Paul Jaeger, Stan Celestian, Chuck Kominski, Les Presmyk.

Members and Guests: Dawn Boushelle, Don Boushelle, Amanda Philpott, Joey Philpott, Gary Spraggins, John Weide, Jack Howell, Clete Hinton, Michael Shannon, David Shannon, Zachary Shannon, Marcus Origlieri, Michael Morgan, Pat Shannon, Neil Bearce, Steve Kaminski, Mason Kaminski, Maxim Kaminski, Steve Scott, Chuck Houser.

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

Darrel Dodd presented the Treasurer's report detailing the funds in the mutual fund, CD, and checking account.

II. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2015 BOARD 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) FGMS Pre-sale – Bill Y. had 40 flats of material from a purchase in March available for pre-sale/FGMS. A few more flats, from donations at or after the 2015 symposium were available including flats from the Apex mine donated by Steve Scott.
- b) Pinal Geology and Mineral Museum – Phil mentioned to Steve S. that his donation of the fluorescent display to the PGMS had been very well received. The Edward Flagg cases, which were donated to the PGMS, have been installed with eleven going inside the facility and four going on an exterior wall. Bill described the recently installed LED lighting in the donated cases and reconfirmed that an 8"x10" plaque was mounted near the cases stating that they are a donation from the FMF. The FMF specimens on loan at the PGMM were reviewed. Phil reiterated that there were 10

year loan agreements in place with the PGMM, the Superstition Mountain Museum and with the UofA museum for loan of FMF specimens/displays.

Dana S. stated that an ore cart had been donated to the PGMM from Florence Copper and requested that the FMF donate some non-optimal specimens to place in the cart for children to handle. He provided an update on the current status of the PGMM.

- c) North Mountain Visitors Center – Phil suggested that the FMF would be putting plans into action in 2016 for a display of FMF Arizona minerals/displays at the North Mountain Visitors Center.
 - d) Donations – Phil and Bill reiterated the need to be increasingly proactive on mineral donations and asked that FMF members be on the alert for potential donations. Chuck Kominski made a donation of nine flats that will be used for the 2016 FGMS.
 - e) 2016 FGMS Signs – Bill reviewed the new A-frame signs that he had recently purchased for the show. He had eight new graphics printed for the new/existing folding frames with “Flagg Gem and Mineral Show” printed on them. Costs for frames and signs was \$408.07. He purchased a number of new tarps as well with an expenditure of \$77.61.
- B. *FMF Website* (Mike Williams) - The website and Facebook postings continue to be regularly updated and a request for new content was made to all members. The biannual hosting and domain renewals from GoDaddy are complete and costs will be reviewed asap with the intent of removing some of the unused domains from the FMF account.
- C. *Field Trips* - The FMF will continue to work with the MSA (Joey Philpott Jr.) to schedule joint field trips. The MSA has been very successful in planning a variety of field trips and these are announced and described in the MSA *Rockhound Record* newsletter. Paid FMF members are welcome to attend MSA field trips. Lavone mentioned that Joey had taken the initiative to plot the location of FGMS vendors on a map and post it to the MSA Facebook page to make it easier for visitors locate favorite vendors.

IV. MINERALS OF ARIZONA SYMPOSIUM

The MAZS will be held April 15th, 16th and 17th, 2016 at the Clarion Hotel at Phx Tech Center.

- A. *Dealer Room Rentals* – For 2016 the FMF will reserve a block of poolside rooms and allow dealers/guests to book through the FMF so that there are no issues with room availability and location as has been typical in the past.
- B. *Outreach Program* – Will be supported/organized for the morning of Friday, 15 April.

- C. *Micromount Session* – A Friday afternoon session will be planned.
- D. *Lectures/Dinner* – A number of lecturers are already in place for Saturday, Phil and Ray Grant are currently arranging additional lectures to run from 8AM to 5PM. Phil has contacted Dr. Jeremy Rowe as a Saturday night speaker if he is available. He is an archivist of early photographs working at ASU and NYU and has a large collection of historical mining photos from Arizona. He currently has a display of these photographs at Talking Stick Resort and has recently published a book on historical photographs of Arizona.
- E. *Sunday swap/trade session, XRF* – Phil has extended an invitation to Dr. Erik Melchiorre to attend and provide XRF analysis of specimens on Sunday. There will be an analysis fee of \$5/specimen for members with a limit one XRF analysis at a time to keep the number of analyses to a reasonable level.
- F. *Symposium Registration* – If possible, registration costs will remain the same as with the 2015 symposium (\$40/45). 2016 Registration fees will be posted to the website/Facebook page when available.

V. FLAGG SHOW 2017

The 2017 Flagg show will be held on January 6th, 7th and 8th.

- A. *2016 FGMS - MCC Issues* – (see 17Dec15 minutes) Prior to signing the 2016 FGMS contract, MCC contacted Phil to inform him about an (previously overlooked) 2001 statute that prohibited overnight camping at any public education property in Maricopa county. After clarification, campers and RVs will be permitted at the show but the FMF is responsible to ensure that no one is staying in them overnight. Lavone A. reported that once vendors were notified of the overnight camping restrictions, there were seven cancellations. Without overnight camping, Lavone suggested to vendors that they stay at a trailer park slightly north of MCC or at a local hotel. Phil stated that the FGMS has been held at MCC for 28 years but we may be interested in a new venue. He had investigated Salt River Fields in Scottsdale and described a recent show there but expenses were estimated at 3-4 times current expenditures. There was discussion of logistics related to moving the FGMS to Salt River Fields. Neal B. suggested that it may be appropriate to have the FGMS remain at MCC as it's a well established location. Phil stated that the FGMS will remain at MCC for 2017 and the venue for 2018 will be determined based on how smoothly planning for the 2017 show proceeds. John W. suggested an area of Fiesta Mall as an alternate and there was discussion of other alternate venues. Bill/Phil suggested that members be on the lookout for new locations which would be roughly 3 acres in size and have accommodation for ~500 cars with a rental price of approximately \$5500 or less. Phil estimated that the FGMS draws 4200 visitors (including vendors).

B. *Thumbnail Exhibits* – The FMF and MSA have been actively promoting thumbnail exhibits from junior members. The FMF has purchased a number of 2x2' cases from the TGMS for thumbnail exhibits at the 2016 and future FGMS shows and will provide small cash incentives to juniors who participate. There are two juniors and a number of adults who will have thumbnail displays at the 2016 FGMS. Les P. will judge the displays.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. *FMF Logo* – There was discussion of the new logo competition as described on the FMF website.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. *Club Officers* –The 2016 nominating committee (Bill Y.) confirmed the following trustees and officers for elections.

Officers

Chairman-Phil Richardson

Vice Chairman-Bill Yedowitz

Treasurer-Genie Howell

Secretary-Mike Williams

Corresponding Secretary-Lavone Archer

Trustees (term to 2019)

Doug Lindsey

Ray Grant

Les Presmyk

Lavone Archer

Chuck Kominski

Mike Shannon

Joey Philpott Jr.

Nominations were accepted from the floor for other candidates, no nominations were presented. A **motion** was made to accept all nominations and to close nominations from the floor (L. Presmyk). The motion was seconded (C. Whitney-Smith) and passed by vote.

A **motion** was made to close the meeting (L. Presmyk). The motion was seconded by C. Whitney-Smith and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Mike Williams, Secretary