

Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
Board Meeting
May 31, 2017

Attendees (15)

Officers: Phil Richardson, Bill Yedowitz, Lavone Archer, Genie Howell, Mike Williams.

Other Trustees: Chris Whitney-Smith, Doug Duffy, Joseph Philpott, Dawn Boushelle, Dana Slaughter, Doug Lindsay.

Members and Guests: Shirley Cote, Don Boushelle, Jack Howell, Lee Lindsay.

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM by Chairman Phil Richardson in classroom B of the Burton Barr Central Library in Phoenix, AZ.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Genie Howell presented information on the various FMF investment accounts and outstanding checks. There was a brief discussion of the name/address issues associated with the Vanguard account.

II. MINUTES OF January 5, 2017, MEETING

A **motion** was made to accept the minutes as written (Bill Yedowitz). The **motion** was seconded (Doug Duffy) and passed by vote.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. *Collection Committee* (Bill Yedowitz)

- a) U of Arizona Update – Bill provided an update on the Pima County courthouse building in Tucson including new architectural concepts for upstairs (office space), main (visitors center, museum, gift shop, courtyard & auditorium) and basement (lab space, storage & community office space/meeting hall) floor designs. He provided tentative floor layout drawings to attendees. Bill stated that a tentative date for display installation is September 2018 with an opening date of January 2019. There is great potential for FMF specimens to be on display as well as storage for FMF items.
- b) Phoenix Museum Update – Bill stated that the state has provided funding to the USGS for operational costs but that there was no funding designated as of yet for the Phoenix mineral and natural resources museum. The building will be run by UofA but the current UofA emphasis is expected to be with the Pima courthouse

project. Bill expects the PHX museum to get more attention once the Pima courthouse project is underway but it could be 5-10 years before the PHX facility is operating.

Bill also said there was interest in having the state symbol display at the Capitol Museum. This would include turquoise, petrified wood, wulfenite and copper and possibly a cabinet.

c) Recent Donations & Purchases:

Bill reported the following donations:

Mr. Mike Shannon – donated a variety of mineral boxes

Mr. Steve Scott – donated 2 flats (24) of Viburnum Trend specimens

The Ruiz family – \$100 cash donation

Mr. Mel Gortatowski – purchase/donation of 175 specimens

Mr. Bob Jones – made a donation in the name of Les Presmyk

Bill has looked at a few collections since the last meeting.

There was also discussion about more prominent advertising for donations on the website and Mike agreed to create an updated & prominent donation banner & page.

Bill provided an update on the current FMF storage location and costs. The storage fee has been paid through June 18.

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 provide added security and GoDaddy based backup. The GoDaddy bill for the website hosting and backup renewal for 2017-2019 had been received and was \$315.36.

A **motion** was made (Bill Yedowitz) to reimburse Mike for the costs. The **motion** was seconded (Dana Slaughter) and passed by vote.

There was discussion of the FMF Facebook page and included having additional people, including Joey and Dana, as contributors. Mike confirmed that anyone interested in user access to the FMF Facebook page should send him an e-mail.

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 MSA website. There will be a meeting on 24Jun17 at Joey's house to plan the 2018 field trip schedule – all are welcome.

IV. FLAGG SHOW 2018 – January 5, 6 and 7, 2018

A. *New Features for the 2018 FGMS*

- a) Micro Mineral Area – The micro mineral area was a great success at last year's show and Nathan Scholten will be joined by Mr. Joe Marty for 2018. The micro mineral area will be located next to the FMF display tent for 2018. Bill has agreed to purchase a banner to highlight the area and also suggested that the FMF purchase a solar powered generator to operate the microscope & display ring lights and other electronics. There was a discussion of requirements for the generator. A **motion** was made (Bill Yedowitz) to provide Bill with up to \$600 to purchase a solar powered generator for the micro mineral area. The **motion** was seconded (Chris Whitney-Smith) and passed by vote.
- b) Thumbnail Competition – The thumbnail competition will again be promoted for 2018. A future work session will be planned to create display liners.
- c) Junior Incentive – The Phoenix Mineral Minions may have tentatively agreed to provide a stipend to junior thumbnail competition entries – more to follow.
- d) Show Chairs – The co-chairs for 2018 will be Bill, Chris and Les Presmyk. There was a discussion of arranging a heavy mining equipment (Empire Caterpillar) display along the south wall for 2018. A **motion** was made (Dawn Boushelle) to purchase three eight foot tables and 24 chairs for the food court area. The **motion** was seconded (Dana Slaughter) and passed by vote. Bill agreed to locate/purchase suitable tables and chairs when they are on sale.
- e) Show Theme and Poster – The theme for 2018 will be the grand Reef Mine. Bill confirmed that a motion had been made during the January meeting to purchase artwork/printing/posters for the 2018 show.
- f) Dealer Flyers – There was discussion about piggybacking dealers, overnight camping rules and that the FMF reserves the right to ask vendors to vacate under some circumstances. Bill suggested that piggybacking be allowed as long as a signed contract is in place and it describes who the primary dealer is and who is piggybacking. These new forms will be available during the show. The website will be updated to reflect these new show rules. There was also a discussion of the new dealer map for 2017 and, based on popularity, the map will continue for 2018.

V. MINERALS OF ARIZONA SYMPOSIUM – 6, 7 and 8 April 2018

- A. The symposium will tentatively be held on April 6, 7 and 8 April 2018 at a TBD Phoenix location.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *ESM Update* – Shirley and Doug D. reported that the ESM had received a \$5000 grant from Staples (Chris) for outreach and the new book lending library program in the Roosevelt school district. The lending library will make books available on temporary loan to various schools in the district. Shirley also described the donation of funds & assets from the Black Mountain Gem and Mineral Club and the Leaverite Club.
- B. *Pinal Gem and Mineral Update* – The museum has recently purchased a variety of new dinosaur models and the MSA has donated six new Ikea display cases and appropriate lights to the museum.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *2018 FGMS Posters* – During the January meeting \$600 was reserved for Don to design the artwork for the 2018 poster with the Grand Reef theme and print 600 copies of the resulting posters.
- B. *2018 State Fair* – Based on security concerns it is unlikely that either MSA or FMF members will participate in the 2018 state fair.
- C. *Darrel Dodd Collection Purchase* – It was determined that a group of FMF board members will evaluate Darrel's collection at earliest convenience. The group will include Dana, Ray Grant, Bill and Phil and others. Dana agreed to schedule and facilitate the evaluation.
- D. *2017 FGMS Discussion* related to show issues.
- E. *Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum Donation* – The Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum is seeking donations to install both secure collection storage and a Pinal Co. display (specimens, maps, photos, geological map, etc - via both exhibit and computer technology) at the museum. There was discussion of the collection storage plan and related costs and a **motion** was made (Lavone Archer & Dana Slaughter) to allocate up to \$10,000 for cabinets to the PGMS museum based on a solicited bid. The **motion** was seconded by Bill Yedowitz and passed by vote.
- F. *Other Business* – Don and Bill have been generating new labels for FMF collection specimens that are on display at various venues. They have completed approximately 1000 labels and have 300 or so remaining. The new labels contain the new FMF logo and have additional donor information and improved locality info.

A **motion** was made to close the meeting (Chris Whitney-Smith). The **motion** was seconded by Doug Duffy and the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Mike Williams, Secretary