

Meeting Minutes  
Flagg Mineral Foundation  
Board and Trustee Meeting  
July 10, 2018

*Attendees (13)*

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

Other Trustees: Chris Whitney-Smith, Joseph Philpott, Dana Slaughter, Michael Shannon, Doug Lindsay.

Members and Guests: Jack Howell, Sue Celestian, Stan Celestian.

Meeting was called to order at 6:51PM by Chairman Phil Richardson at La Casa de Juana restaurant at 1976 West Southern Avenue in Mesa, AZ.

## I. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Nominations for the position of FMF vice-chairman were accepted from the floor. Chris Whitney-Smith nominated Mr. Les Presmyk for the position. Les was not in attendance but had expressed interest in the position via an e-mail to board members and trustees. There were no other nominations from the board or floor. Nominations were closed and a vote was taken. Les was confirmed as interim vice-chairman until the FMF general membership meeting in January 2019. Thanks to Bill Yedowitz for all his service as past vice-chairman and congratulations to Les!

## II. MINERALOGICAL RECORD ARIZONA SUPPLEMENT

A Mineralogical Record - Arizona II Collectors Supplement has been announced and will be published at the end of 2019. Sixteen FMF members have expressed interest in having specimen photos included in the supplement and eight to ten MR pages are tentatively planned for members. A group photo of FMF membership would also be included and is being planned for attendees at the 2019 Flagg Gem and Mineral Show. The FMF will subsidize member submissions for both photos (to be taken by Mr. Jeff Scovil) and MR page costs. There was a discussion of the costs associated with having approximately four specimen photos per member taken and having two photos per member included in the supplement. Selection of specimen photos for publication would be at the discretion of the MR editorial staff. Costs would include roughly \$3200 for photos and up to \$4500 for MR publication costs for 10 pages.

A **motion** was made (Dana S.) to appropriate a maximum expenditure of \$10,000 to fund the FMF participation in the AZ II supplement. The **motion** was seconded (Chris W-S) and passed by vote.

### III. NEW SPECIMEN PURCHASE

There was a discussion of current FMF cash assets, recent FMF donations/loans and recent specimen donations/purchases coming into the FMF. The discussion centered on recent specimen purchases, described by Bill Y., that are included in the FMF collection and the status and volume/quality of other specimens that will be offered for sale during future FGMS/Symposia. There is currently potential for purchase of new specimens/collections and Phil wanted to confirm that there is a consensus on FMF aggressiveness and expenditures on purchasing new material.

It was generally agreed by those in attendance that the FMF should continue to aggressively pursue new material with the criterion that agreement to purchase should come from at least one officer and two trustees (two officers and one trustee preferred). There was also discussion about the amount of FMF funds that should go towards purchase of new specimens either for sale or that would go into the FMF collection. It was agreed by those in attendance that there should be no fixed amount to spend on new specimens but that costs should be dictated by the availability and quality of those specimens available, there were no objections.

It was also decided that photos of any new specimens purchased for the FMF collection would be provided to the FMF webmaster for inclusion on the website.

Bill Y., Chris W-S., Joey P., and Michael S. agreed, at their convenience, to look at some Evan Jones specimens that are currently available.

### IV. STORAGE FACILITY

Attendees were reminded that the FMF needs to find a new location for the storage container, preferably in close proximity to Mesa Community College. The container needs to be moved from its current location near downtown PHX as soon as possible. Member are encouraged to make location suggests for the FMF storage container.

### V. 2019 FLAGG GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

The theme of the 2019 FGMS will be Arizona Fossils. Lavone A. discussed needing the FGMS show poster by the beginning of Sept 2018 for distribution during fall shows. Specimen photos for the poster were solicited and images will be obtained from both Sue and Stan C. and Jeff Langland. The images will be sent to Bill Y. for forwarding to Don Boushelle who will prepare the poster design by mid-August 2018 if possible.

A **motion** was made (Bill Y.) to provide \$500 to Don B. for poster design and printing for the 2019 FGMS. The **motion** was seconded (Dana S.) and passed by vote.

## VI. 2019 MINERALS OF AZ SYMPOSIUM

The 2019 Minerals of Arizona Symposium will be held at the Drury Inn from April 5-7 2019. The website will be updated accordingly. Overall format will similar to that of the 2018 symposium.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

Lavone A. suggested incorporating dealer signage for all Flagg show vendors and, in particular, those vendors who show up at the last minute. This would make it easier for FMF personnel to quickly ID the vendors. A discussion of methods for implementation of the signage occurred. Joey P. suggested printing out signage on site utilizing a portable printer and/or preparing a pre-printed template and using it for late arriving vendors. A method for dealer signage will be determined prior to the 2019 FGMS.

Lavone also pointed out that there needs to be a better method to track FMF membership payments during the FGMS. Phil will discuss potential methods for tracking memberships with Katie prior to the 2019 FGMS.

Treasurer Genie H. mentioned the unusually high costs associated with the current FMF Wells Fargo checking account. The FMF will look for a new bank with lower fees to handle the FMF checking account. The bank will be located near MCC to make deposits convenient for Lavone. Genie also questioned whether the FMF Vanguard Fund name change had occurred. Phil will confirm the change status with Paul Harter.

A **motion** was made to close the meeting (Chris Whitney-Smith). The **motion** was seconded by Dana S. and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Mike Williams, Secretary