

Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
Regular Membership Meeting
January 2, 2020

Attendees (30)

Officers: Phil Richardson, Les Presmyk, Mike Williams.

Other Trustees: Chris Whitney-Smith, Joey Philpott, Dana Slaughter, Chuck Kominski, Dawn Boushelle, Don Boushelle, Mike Shannon.

Members and Guests: John Weide, Maggie Lyons, Steve Kaminski, Michael Webb, Kelli Wakefield, Lynn Dyer, Terry Dyer, Joanne Hesterman, Joe Philpott, John Tibbits, David Tibbits, Steven Scott, Genie Howell, Jerod Asp, Catie Sandoval, Pierre Cantou, Neil Bearce, Bill Yedowitz.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02PM by Chairman Phil Richardson at the Physical Science Building at Mesa Community College, Mesa, Arizona.

Les Presmyk **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes for the 10 Sept 2019 Flagg show planning meeting minutes as written. The **motion** was seconded by Doug Duffy and passed by vote.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- A. Treasurer Report – Genie Howell reported on the FMF Wells Fargo Account and IRS Status – there was a brief discussion of issues related to the Wells Fargo account, including income, expenditures and 2019 spending on specimens.
- B. Collection Committee Report – The Collection Committee met in the Spring of 2019 and discussions included the purchase of amethyst specimens from the Woodpecker Mine. There was a discussion of the recent move of the FMF storage container to the parking lot of Western Technologies near 40th Street and Broadway Road in Phoenix, Arizona.
- C. Museum Updates
 - a) UA Pima County Courthouse Museum – Les provided details that a soft opening is planned for October 2020 as a dry run in preparation for a Grand Opening to coincide with the TGMS Show in 2021. The new museum will include a large mineral hall of Arizona and Mexico mineral specimens, a 3,500 sf Gem Vault, a 4,500 SF Planetary Evolution Hall, and mining hall with one of if not the largest recreated mining stope exhibit modeled on an a Bisbee stope.

- b) The Flandreau Museum – Les stated that the Flandreau will stay open as an educational museum. Bill Yedowitz said there were specimens from storage that he had intended to cycle through the Flandreau but Les said that no FMF specimens have come out of storage yet. Intended for the Flandreau were Jade & agate cups and bowls. It was said that these were still in storage. Les stated that the Flandreau wall case of Arizona and Mexican specimens will remain there. 75 to 200 school kids go through the Flandreau per day.
 - c) Phil R. says that the FMF will remain a presence in the Phoenix Museum with specimens on display there. Les confirmed that discussions with Catie were ongoing regarding loan of FMF specimens.
 - d) Phil R. mentioned having a display at the North Mountain Visitors Center – will be taken up at next collection committee meeting.
 - e) Donations – Chuck K. made a donation and brought a thumbnail collection purchased by Alex Schauss. The thumbnail collection needs pricing at the next collection committee meeting.
- D. Website Status – Mike W. reported on the status of the FMF website. Mike asked members for additional content for the site. Catie asked that a link to her website be added (later confirmed as an existing link). Bill asked if any photos of new specimens had been added such as the Palmerejo. These had not been submitted and a decision was made to update the website with photos of new acquisitions more regularly.

II. FLAGG SHOW 2020.

- A. 2020 Recap - Phil R. reports that this year will set a new record with 153 dealers paid as of the night before the show.
 - a) Due to new MCC rules MMC police will be required around the clock for the duration of the show. TEAM security will have guards on-site at all times during show hours.
 - b) Food Court – At least two food trucks and one coffee truck will be attending. Please encourage support of these food vendors, they keep customers present and are appreciated by vendors and volunteers.
 - c) Real-time Social Media suggested – pictures posted web (No children faces)
 - d) There was a virtual shopper discussion
 - e) Displays planned:
 - a) Nathan Scholten will host the micro mineral display.
 - b) Mike Fleeman will have an interactive fossil/meteorite exhibit table.
 - c) The Mesa Community College Geology group will demonstrate a Trash Can Volcano four times a day 10, 12, 2 and 4.
 - d) Harvey will have a volcanics exhibit.
 - e) Jeff L. will have a display of German fossils.

- f) Steve Scott will exhibit an interactive display of volcanic specimens in the exhibit tent along with Catie's large volcanic bomb..
- g) Earth Science Museum will have their usual participation and fluorescence display.

B. FLAGG SHOW 2021 – The 2021 FGMS is slated for January 8, 9, 10, which is pushed to the second full weekend of the year to avoid conflict with the holiday. Discussion was held regarding the theme of next year's show, the 49th Flagg Show. Steve Kaminski asked if 49er Gold might be considered the theme for the show and it was pointed out that Gold will most likely be the theme of the 50th Flagg Show. Fluorescence was put forth as a theme as it will be the theme of the corresponding TGMS. A **motion** was made (Genie H.) to make Fluorescent Minerals the 2021 FGMS theme. The **motion** was seconded by Chris WS and passed by vote.

III. MINERALS OF ARIZONA SYMPOSIUM 2020.

The venue and dates for the 28th Annual Symposium have not been set yet, pending the receipt of contract offers for the two Drury Inn Venues that are currently being considered. Les has 4 or 5 programs and needs 2 or 3 more programs to fill the schedule.

IV. UPDATES/OLD BUSINESS

- a) Earth Science Museum update - had nothing new to report
- b) PGMS announced "Touch Outer Space" featuring Carlton Moore, Saturday March 14 at the PGMS. This is the 5th Annual Event.

V. FMF OFFICER & TRUSTEE POSITIONS FOR 2020/2023.

Phil Richardson offered a list of nominations from the membership including

Chair: Phil Richardson	Vice Chair: Les Presmyk
Secretary: Vacant	Treasurer: Genie Howell
Membership Secretary: Vacant	
Corresponding/Membership Secretary: Lavone Archer	

Current Trustees:

2021 Trustees: Paul Jaeger, Bill Yedowitz, Mike Williams, Don Boushelle and Phil Richardson.

2022 Trustees: Doug Lindsay, Raymond Grant, Les Presmyk, Mike Shannon, Lavone Archer, Chuck Kominski and Joey Philpott Jr.

Les discussed the opening and positions and Steve Kaminski (interested in secretary position) asked about the requirement of being a trustee for one year prior nomination as an officer. There was a discussion of the (in process) FMF bylaw update in regards to officer and trustee positions and modifications to remove the one year trustee requirement. There were additional discussions regarding the bylaw update including the membership term dates, officer eligibility and officer duties. In particular there was discussion about duties associated with Lavone's position.

Nominations were opened for trustee and officer positions. Trustee nominations for 2023 included Dana Slaughter, Doug Duffy, Genie Howell, Chris W. Smith, Catie Carter Sandoval, and Steve Kaminski. There were no new nominations from the floor and nominations were closed. Les Presmyk made a **motion** to accept the above nominees as officers and 2023 trustees, Bill Yedowitz seconded. The **motion** was accepted by vote.

Phil Richardson appointed Steve Kaminski as interim Secretary pending anticipated vote in 2021, Mr. Kaminski would meet the eligibility status requirement as a second year trustee.

Phil asked if anyone was interested in the Membership Secretary position and Joey Philpott said he would have interest in that position. Genie H. made a **motion** to accept Joey P as the new Membership Secretary, Doug D. seconded. The **motion** was accepted by vote.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion about the need for donations and of the locations of fossils for the MCC fossil dig and mineral giveaway. Bill reminded the membership that the Russ Hart donated material was to be used in the MCC booth. Joanne Hesterman announced her planned donation as she downsizes her collection this year and asked for guidance from FMF officers.

There was discussion of reducing FMF membership dues to volunteers or members of other clubs (ESM, MSA). Les/Phil stated that there was no current plan to do that in the revised bylaws. A revised membership cost structure will be devised by officers and sent to membership for vote prior to inclusion in the revised bylaws.

A **motion** was made to close the meeting (Bill Y.). The **motion** was seconded by a variety of individuals and the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Steve Kaminski, Interim Secretary