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The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization, meeting to promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, paleontology and the lapidary arts. It was organized in May 1957 and celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2007.

Meeting place: Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI
Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August

Meeting time: 7:30 p.m., doors are open at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Dues: Adults \$10.00; Families \$15.00; Students under 18 \$2.00

Board meetings: First Thursday, except July and August; 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

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ROCKHOUND NEWS

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 18, 2014
PROGRAM: Rocky Gift Exchange & DVD “Cave of Crystals”
REFRESHMENTS: Everyone, please bring a Christmas treat

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on December 18, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos, 2175 Hamilton Street.**

Calendar for Fall 2014/Winter 2015 and later

December 18, 2014 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

January 6, 2015, Tuesday - 7:15 p.m., board meeting, Okemos Public Library

January 7, 2015 - newsletter deadline

January 15, 2015 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting

February 3, 2015, Tuesday - 7:15 p.m., board meeting, Okemos Public Library

Bold indicates changed dates and times

February 19, 2015, 7:30 p.m., membership meeting

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Let Sue Casler or a board member know if you have any ideas for speakers, or other programs.

December 18, 2014 - Installation of officers for 2105, Christmas party with the Rocky Gift Exchange. DVD “Cave of Crystals: Exquisite Caves,” 30 minutes. Professor Michael Wyession, Associate Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis. From his lecture series on The World’s Greatest Geological wonders: 36 Spectacular Sites.

Special Instructions for the Rocky Gift Exchange (Please Read This!!)

If you want to **get a gift**, you must **bring a gift!** Gifts should be rock related. Gifts may be a) small rock specimens that need a new home, b) books, magazines, or articles about rocks, minerals or gems, c) small tools/materials related to rock collection or faceting, d) toys, clothing, or anything else related to our mineral interests. Please wrap the gift you bring with you. This is **NOT** a “white elephant” exchange!

Message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh:
Dues are now being collected for 2015.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER OR PAPER NEWSLETTER

If you are currently receiving both an electronic and a paper copy of the newsletter, please

consider dropping the mailed, paper copy. There is only one person copying and mailing the newsletter. The mailing is becoming a burden. If we can remove you from the paper mailing list we would like to hear from you. Call Roni Sionakides at 517-482-5986 or email her at rsionakide@yahoo.com to be removed from the mailing list.

If you are currently receiving only a paper copy and would like to receive an electronic copy let Lyle Laylin know at lyle18@gmail.com.

We need to pare down the mailing list to more of a roar than a bugle blast. Thank you, Roni Sionakides, Publications Chair

PLEASE NOTIFY THE BOARD IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE IN YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

A Message from President Elaine Angstman

We have a wonderful club, a hard working club, a diverse club, but we also have a club with no Vice President. This is a matter of concern for the club, as it is one of the Vice President's duties to get the programs for our meetings. The Vice President often moves into the President position but that is not a given. If we have no Vice President, we will have no programs. The programs are one of the main activities of our meetings and most of us enjoy them very much. So I am asking for two things, 1. that someone to step up and volunteer to be the Vice President. This is not as bad as it sounds as there are many resources and books that we have where you can get programs from but, also, 2. I know that most of our members have many talents that they could share with our club or know someone who could talk or share with our club. This does not have to be some huge program, running for hours with a movie to go with it. It can be as simple as someone bringing in samples of something, showing how they do something, talking about a specific mineral that they know about, a program on their rock hounding experiences, a step by step how to, etc. I know almost everyone in the club could do this; it can be 15 to 20 minutes long. So please member, if you are willing to step in as the Vice President you will get help. That is why I am asking members to dig deep and figure out some sort of program that they could present to the club, that would make everything so much easier and I think more interesting.

Thank you; Elaine Angstman - President

CLUB NEWS

Outreach Committee: Always in need of volunteers to help with school science fairs, talks and presentations at schools and other organizations, and educational opportunities. Contact committee chair Mary Gowans to lend a hand. gowans@msu.edu or 517-351-6135.

EARLY REQUEST

Bennett Woods's Family Science Night will be Wednesday, February 25 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. They give us about 3 tables to display our specimens or displays. Parents and students pass our tables and pick up specimens, try to put broken rocks together, look at displays. Normally there will be around 100 people stop by.

If you want to see how it is done, just come to Bennett Woods Elementary School in Okemos. It really is fun. For any information, email Mary Gowans at gowans@msu.edu or phone: 351-6136. If you are willing to show, please contact Mary so I know how many tables to request.

Thanks, Mary Gowans, Outreach Chair

Field Trips! None scheduled at this time. See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or daniel.sine@opm.gov. Dan would like to set up an email list of all who plan to go on the field trips. Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

Minimum age for a quarry is 12. No children under 12 will be allowed at the quarries (their rule). Trips to other collecting sites may have no minimum, or maximum, age requirement. Safety rules in the **Field Trip Guide** are posted at the society website. They should be reviewed, printed out and **taken to every field trip**. Also, insurance coverage for the field trips by the Federation is very limited. It provides only for damage that members might do on-site. There is no personal injury coverage; no coverage underground. Coverage is only for members, so our policy is that field trips are only for members. Members should review this insurance information on our website. Let Dan know of any other locations and contact information that you may know about and would like to visit. Dan does a fabulous job getting these field trips lined up for club members so please take a moment to thank him personally for all his work.

**PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO—Check www.amfed.org/mwf
or our website www.michrocks.org**

**FoundMichigan, an online magazine on culture in Michigan—www.foundmichigan.org
Check out our website for items for sale. There are links to eBay and Craig's List.**

UPCOMING SHOWS

January 29 - February 15, 2015, Tucson, Arizona show. Just in case anyone wants to get out of the snow belt!!! Website www.eonsexpos.com.

February 20-22, 2015 - Indianapolis, Indiana. At Indiana State Museum. Website www.indianamuseum.org.

March 20-22 - Jackson, Michigan. Website mgmsrockclub.com.

March 27-29 - Indianapolis, Indiana. At Indiana State Fairgrounds. Website www.toteshows.com

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, November 20, 2014

Call to Order: The November membership meeting was called to order by president Elaine Angstman at 7:39 p.m. at the Okemos Masonic Center.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors: There were no guests or visitors. President announced she had earrings for sale for a fundraiser for Peru seniors. She also brought in the latest issue of Nature Magazine. Her son-in-law did the cover photography and had an article on particle physics.

Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the October Membership and November Board Meetings were published in the November CMLMS Newsletter. There were no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer absent but report was submitted electronically and is available for review.

Announcements:

Roger Laylin: Show: wrap up meeting - went over a 2-page list of concerns and discussed. The

budget for 2015 show was increased over 2014. Discussed yard signs. Show income tally not completed yet so it is still unknown how much we made.

Elaine Angstman: Presented the Certificate of Recognition awarded to CMLMS from MWF in recognition of our donation to AFMS in excess of \$2,000. She also went over dates for board meetings and times that have changed at the Okemos library because of scheduling conflicts.

Programs: Sue Casler: The evening's program has been changed to a DVD because the poor weather prevented the scheduled speaker from driving over from Grand Rapids area. She went over projected programs for the first half of 2015 - January - DVD, February - DVD, March - silent auction, April - speaker, May - banquet, June - work bee.

Election of 2015 Officers: Slate was presented by the board with no nominations from the floor. President - Sue Casler, Vice-president - vacant, Treasurer - Kris Wood, Recording Secretary - Jan Sjoquist, Corresponding Secretary - Theresa Hubbard, Director 1 - Lyle Laylin, Director 2 - Nate Krupp, Director 3 - Gaylord Brooks, Roster Secretary - Ernie Aughenbaugh, Liaison Officer - Alan Hukill. **Elaine Beane moved that the slate of officers be approved.** Lee Laylin seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

Door Prizes: None.

2015 Show: Roger Laylin asked the membership for a motion to have a 2015 show. **Lyle Laylin made a motion that CMLMS have a show in 2015.** Mike Wolf seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

Adjournment: Roger Laylin moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Elaine Beane. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Program: DVD - *Red Metal: the Copper Country Strike of 1913* was shown in place of the planned speaker.

Respectfully Submitted, Roni Sionakides, acting Recording Secretary

CMLMS, Board Meeting, December 4, 2014

Board Members Present: Elaine Angstman, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Mary Gowans, Alan Hukill, Nate Krupp, Roger Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Jan Sjoquist, Roni Sionakides.

Board Members Absent: Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller, Theresa Hubbard, Kristen Wood, Dan Sine.

Members present: Bob Mosher

President: President Angstman called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm at the Okemos Library. She has received the Midwest Federation dues form that requires some information before submission to Kris Wood for payment. Elaine will fill this out. Installation of officers will be done at the membership meeting. Newsletters were passed around. There is no candidate for vice-president, thus no program chair. Elaine made a plea to membership to step up to do a presentation at membership meetings. We have many highly qualified, knowledgeable members that can share aspects of their fields. The December Membership meeting program will be a gift exchange; bring one/get one. Everyone brings a special treat. A short DVD will be shown about the Cave of Crystals. Board meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday, January 6 and Tuesday, February 3 at 7:15pm. This change from Thursday to Tuesday is based upon room availability at the Okemos Library. Members are invited.

Vice-President: Sue Casler confirmed the above information.

Treasurer's Report: Kris Wood absent, but sent printed report that was reviewed by President Angstman.

Recording Secretary: Jan Sjoquist. The November membership minutes and the December board meeting minutes will be in the December newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard, absent, no report.

Directors: Milt Gere (1yr.): No report. Lyle Laylin (2yr.): No report. Nate Krupp (3yr.): Geology boxes for Scouts are being labeled. He will be doing a presentation at Hayes School.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Augenbaugh: No report.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill: No report

Past President: Elaine Beane has made an observation about show attendance and profit margin and suggests tracking these trends for return of our effort and money.

Membership: Elaine Angstman: No report.

Field Trip: Dan Sine: Absent, no report.

Publications: Roni Sionakides: Newsletter deadline is Monday.

Education: Kara Miller and Jennifer Martin: Absent, no report.

Community Outreach: Mary Gowans: Bennett Woods Science Fair is Wednesday, February 25, 2015 from 6:30pm to 8pm. Mary wants to know how many tables are needed. Please notify her about your space needs and participation.

Library: Lee Laylin via Roger Laylin: There are three old, large books that are rarely circulated-should they be removed? It was decided that these are reference books that remain significant and should be maintained in the library.

Display: Jan Sjoquist: no report.

Finance: Gordon Lewis passed around the proposed 2015 budget for approval. A discussion ensued and changes were made to Capital Outlay to account for the costs of the fluorescent booth and the show trailer adaptations (\$1400), an increase from \$34 to \$40 for the roster secretary, and an increase from \$675 to \$900 for meeting place rent. The proposed budget for 2015 is \$ 24, 920. Alan Hukill **made a motion to accept the proposed budget.** The motion received a second by Roger Laylin; the budget was voted upon and passed.

Web Master: Lyle Laylin, no report.

Show: Roger Laylin: Should our show close at 6pm, rather than 7pm on Saturday evening? One dealer has requested an earlier close. Roger explored closing times of other clubs and presented his findings. Plans are to survey the dealers to find out their closing time preference. Roger presented his proposed letter to the dealers. Sue Casler brought up concerns about the earlier closing time having a negative effect on attendance. This issue will be examined at a later date. Alan Hukill brought up the need for a show manual to help the transition to a new show chair. Milt states that there was such a manual but it has not been located. Roger is working on transition communication.

Show transportation costs went over budget. Theresa is billing schools for the \$400 overage.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Lyle Laylin will be attending the Quartzite Show in Arizona and asks for approval to purchase items for the show at his discretion. The money has been budgeted and he will seek items of interest for the kid's table, etc.

Adjournment: Mary Gowans made a **motion to adjourn the meeting.** The motion received a second by Milt Gere. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary