

The Villages Gem and Mineral Society Minutes

January 4, 2024

Call to Order at 7:30 pm

- **Officers**

President – Greg Vollendorf

Vice President – Norm Lewis

Secretary – Barbara Helfer

Treasurer – Bob Delvaux

Board Members at Large – Peter Both/Mike Zecher

- **Office Reports**

Secretary – Barb- the December meeting minutes approved as written

Treasurer - Bob gave the Treasurer's report, report approved

11/30/23-

Check book balance \$12854.06

December receipts \$1424.00

December expenses (\$399.08)

12/31/23- Check book balance & cash on hand \$13878.98

Total received for February 2024 Artisan Show \$6805.00

Total received for 2024 membership dues \$1460.00

Funds available for current year expenses **\$5613.98**

Number of paid members 133

Number on wait list 0

- **Committee Chair Reports**

- Advertising

Pam Kurtz

- February 25th- 110 tables are all sold out

- Palm Cards for the show

- Use the cards for drawings

- Need Volunteers to check-in and to help out at the show

- Signup Sheets are out at every workshop

- Saturday and Sunday slots are available
 - Need volunteers to help vendors set up
 - Advertising has started
 - We are using the local news
 - Education Committee Judy Mitchell
 - Special thanks to Bernie Van for all her help with the committee
 - Working with the Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society and presenting two programs
 - William Holland- \$625 per class. Registration has opened up. The first class starts in April.
 - June- Southeast Federation special week
 - Month of March
 - Rock Hound Roundup- Labo- March 1-3
 - Plant City- Second Weekend of March
 - Jacksonville Show- last weekend in March 22-24
 - Equipment Committee Norm Lewis/Bob Delvaux
 - Our equipment is in good shape.
 - The wheels are very delicate, the Titan has a hole in the wheel because people are moving too fast through the grits. Make sure you have sufficiently used each of the level of grit the adequately
 - Make sure you properly clean the CabKings. They are being put away without cleaning and it gums up the machine, which means they need to be taken apart before being able to use.
 - You can't use too much water, and bring extra wedges. It will make it easier to work with your stones, and you will get a much better product.
 - Paper towels are better than the sponges to get all the residue off of the machines.
 - Wash out the buckets for the CabKing, they are getting oily. Make sure you use the Dawn soap, and dump the water outside
 - Stones need to be eight inches * eight inches in size
 - Wire Wrappers/Jewelry Makers (Open)
 - Looking for a person to head the efforts in this area. If you are interested, please let an officer know.
 - If you want to know the basics of wire wrapping, please contact Greg, and he will set up a time and date. You only need to bring

the stone, the club provides everything else....wire and tools. It will be the fourth Thursday of the month

- Maintenance- Norm Lewis/Mike Zecher, included in the above notes
- Show Chairperson- Pam Kurtz, See the notes on the February show above
- Training & Certification- Bob Delvaux
 - Updating the training manuals
 - Looking for people who are will to help with the training.
- Webmaster- Laurie Tossy
 - Special thanks to all the work Laurie does

Welcome to all of our new members! We are glad you are an active part of our community.

Old Business

- Reminder, please use the machine signup sheets and reference the machine layout when setting up both Thursdays and Sundays
- Reminder to put the equipment away on the assigned carts and in the assigned slots
- Water buckets need to be cleaned out prior to using

• New Business

- Volunteers needed for the February show
- March 1st -3rd, Sun Coast Gem and Mineral Show. The show is in Largo, Florida

• Open Business

- Silent Auction will be held at the conclusion of the meeting.