



KETTLE KRIER

President: Tony Ilecki Vice President: Levi Sherman
Secretary: John Rettler Treasurer: Carol Ward

Recap of July Meeting

19 members made it to the July meeting, including Joe Wolger, who will be rejoining after being away for a while. The minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved. Our tech committee chairman (Richard Rosenberger) gave a short report and requested more info from members about events and/or stories to include in the blog portion of the website. The show committee chairman (John Rettler) informed the group that we at 72% of goal for vendors and that there will be updates on additions and possible expansion.

The agate show was recapped, John Rettler gave a big thank-you to the volunteers for the hours put in at the show. A thank-you was sent to The Gem Shop for allowing us to participate, and as I write this, a thank you email is on its way to Jim Bushnell of Colorado Springs, CO for the donation of polished rocks and other specimens.

30 lbs of polished rocks were purchased for inventory for the sifter and education programs.

The polished rocks came in just in time as the sifter was set up as part of the KMGS display during the July 4th event in Germantown. Over 450 canisters were sold during the event and many contacts made by John and Mary Rettler, Mike and Sue Andrysczyk and Tony and Marlene Ilecki, who manned the tents.

Under old business: The field trip to the Earthhaven Museum in Gillette, WI was cancelled due to lack of participants.

The annual picnic was finalized and will be at Nixon Park in Hartland on August 13

A report about the travels of John and Mary Rettler to the Dells of Eau Claire and the uncovering of much new stuff due to a deluge of rain in the area.

Milt Wilson donated 12 specimens/slabs to be used as door prizes

There were no takers to attend the Midwest Federation meeting in August.

The program for the July meeting will be part 2 of the Yellowstone History due to a technical glitch.

Meeting adjourned for goodies and program part 1 of the History of Yellowstone which was a repeat of last month due to loss of remote for the player, it will be another hard long wait to see part 2 next month. Thanks to Winnie Mading for providing the DVD's.

The next meeting will be on August 17, 2016, 6:30PM at the Pewaukee Library. See you all there!!!!

PICNIC UPDATE

The KMGS picnic was a success. While the day started rather poorly with rain popping up during the drive out to the park, the weather gods looked upon the event with favor and brought forth sunshine and very pleasant temperatures. The grill was fired up and 17 members showed up to share good



food and conversation about rocks and anything else.

A short field trip was led by Janet Schmitt to the proposed site of the memorial rock. (More about that at the next meeting.)

Many thanks to Janet Schmitt for all her work setting this up.

POSSIBLE FIELD TRIP

Janet Schmitt has volunteered to set up a field trip to one of the many Lake Michigan access points in the Milwaukee area to look for rocks on the shoreline. The date is tentatively October 1, 2016. More information will be given at the August meeting.

AGATE SHOW UPDATE

The Agate show is over. I thank all who volunteered and gave our club the kind of exposure that money can't buy. As well as the time spent and contacts made the club also was able to procure a donation of polished rocks and other specimens from Jim Bushnell who headed up the children's

rock area. Many thanks to Jim whose donation will enable our sifter and education program to continue while we search for another source of rocks.

EVENTS

Sept 17 & 18: The Oshkosh Earth Science club will be holding their 45th Annual Gem and Mineral Show on September 17 & 18, 2016 at the Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Rd. Y, Oshkosh, WI. Times are 9AM to 5PM on Saturday Sept 17 and 10AM to 4PM on Sunday Sept 18.

Sept 20: Heart of Wisconsin Gem and Mineral Society Rock Swap. 10AM to 5PM at 5906 US Hwy 10(Parking lot behind Applebee's)

Sept 27: Chippewa Valley Gem and Mineral Society Rock Swap. 7AM to 5PM At the Eau Claire Expo Center Grounds

THE LAST WORD

Pity the month of August. Did you know that August is the only month of the year without a nationally recognized holiday or even a Hallmark holiday? Dog days indeed! It is up to us to make this month as enjoyable as possible to make up for the slight. How about designating one day as Rockhound Appreciation Day? I vote for the second Monday of the month, giving us a three day weekend when it becomes a national holiday.