

Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.
Membership Meeting
March 16, 2024

Called to Order Time: President Allan E. called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Members in attendance: Sheryl R.; Allan E.; Beverly B.; Anna J.; Sharon G.; Leslie J.; Lisa F.; Nicole G.; Karen W.; Shirley R.; Laura T.; Rosalind; Cynthia B.; Reba S.; Buddy S.; Julie B.

Show & Tell: Nicole showed everyone how to wire wrap a clasp around a leather end.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Nicole G. presented the treasurer's report and noted that some money was spent on name tags. \$26.00 was made from the 50/50 raffle, and 3 cents in interest was earned in the account. The ending balance was \$8,297.76. As of this meeting, we have not filed the tax report. A motion was made by Roz to accept the treasurer's report. Cindy seconded. After a vote, motion carried.

Workshops: Today's workshop was a shamrock bracelet taught by Lisa. Next month, we will be making a lotus pendant taught by Roz and Karen.

Newsletter: Laura T. stated that she needs projects for next month with a supply list.

Facebook: Laura noted that she needs Facebook advertising for the show. The fee is per impression.

Webmaster: Leslie reported that she has added a Menu page to the web site.

Equipment: No report.

Sunshine: No report.

Show: It was decided that we would use the postcards we have rather to order more postcards.

Julie will order gaffer's tape and tri-folds.

Lisa made a motion to increase the amount allotted for Facebook advertising to \$500.00. Allan seconded the motion. After a vote, motion carried.

Billboard advertising was discussed and it was everyone's recollection that the billboards were started a week before the show. Sheryl will reach out about billboard advertising.

Radio advertising was discussed and some stations were mentioned like K-Love and Kicker 108. Sheryl will reach out about radio advertising. It was also discussed whether we would give tickets to some radio station(s) (maybe 4-8 tickets) in exchange for free advertising.

Allan let everyone know that Beverly Baker volunteered to be the Show Chairman.

Allan discussed the hospitality room and that Sue may need some help with the vendor lunch and/or picking up chicken. Members will be asked to bring side dishes. Beverly said she would make a sign up sheet to bring to the next meeting in April.

The vendor breakfast was also discussed and whether items would be bought from McDonald's or somewhere else.

Cindy noted that she needs 2x2 baggies, Zebra wire, and gemstone chips for the Kid's Corner.

Vendors were discussed. Allan noted that one vendor wanted to move to the outside rather than the middle and discussion was held about how to best accommodate that move.

Laura brought a display box and noted some changes to the display boxes so that the light will not shine in your eyes. Locks were also discussed. Laura said the cost of the boxes was approximately \$16 for the box; \$33 for the hinges; \$144 for nine boxes; and \$177 for all boxes. _____ made a motion to approve up to \$200 in expenses for the boxes. Buddy seconded the motion. After a vote, motion carried.

Librarian: No report.

Old Business: Allan noted that there was at an art fair at the Mary C. if anyone was interested in setting up a table, bring your own and a cover. There is also an Ocean Springs Festival and Julie is setting up a booth at that event.

New Business: Laura T. made a motion that last names be removed from the minutes in the future. Discussion was held and the motion was seconded by Reba. After a vote, motion carried.

Lisa made a motion to accept the February minutes as corrected. Beverly seconded. After a vote, motion carried.

New members were discussed and the fact that some people come and then never come back. Lisa volunteered to call some new members to see how they are doing and if they would be back.

Door Prizes: Some great door prizes were out and everyone got a little something.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.