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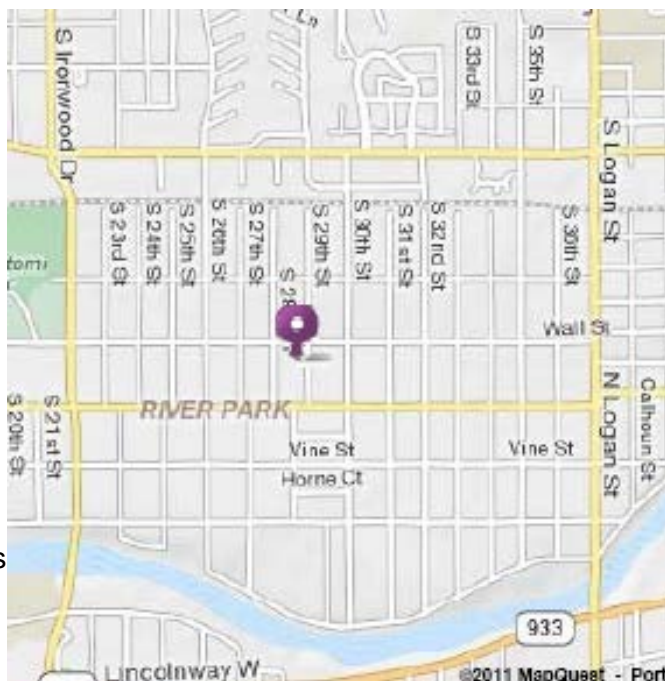
The purpose of the Michiana Gem & Mineral Society is to promote the study and enjoyment of the earth sciences and the lapidary arts, and to share lapidary knowledge and techniques. General meetings are usually held the fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at,

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
805 S. 29th St.,
South Bend, IN.
Please see the map to the right.

Doors usually open at 1:30 for meet & greet time.

Regular meeting exceptions include May (third Sunday), July (Club Picnic), August (Club Show) and the November/December meeting and Christmas party.

Board meetings are held before the monthly meetings. The annual club show is in late August.



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With my signature I hereby release the Michiana Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., and its individual members and the owners of any premises upon which I enter under permit granted to the society, absolutely free of any liability whatsoever, to my person or property, and further I will respect the equipment and property of the aforesaid owners.

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The *Rockfinder* is usually published monthly except July and August.

Please note that all items for a given issue of the *Rockfinder* are due to the **Editor** no later than the **5th** day of the previous month. This means that the due date for the March Issue will be February 5th. Advance items are appreciated. Material may be e-mailed to hefner_family@hotmail.com or submitted via the U.S. Mail.

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MSHA Class

by Jason Hefner, Editor

The entire March meeting will be devoted to our annual MSHA course. While we may not have the ability to get into many quarries anymore this class provides valuable information to protect you and your loved one's when out collecting.

If we are able to get into a quarry this year the class is a must so, please make sure you attend the march meeting.



Marion Ky dig – photo by Jason Hefner

Up & Coming

Next Meeting: March 24, 2019.

Doors open at 1:30. Meeting starts at 2:00.

Place:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
(29th & Wall)
South Bend, IN. (This is in River Park)

Program:

MSHA class

Host & Hostesses:

Bill & Nancy Foreman, Jessie Zeiger, Linda Cripe

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February meeting minutes

by Linda Cripe,
treasurer

Members in attendance / Adults_28 Children_6 Guests_1

Call to Order: President Bill Foreman

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Bob Miller

Welcome: President Bill Foreman Welcomed a new member Kevin Johnston and introduced Past Presidents that were present.

Secretary report: Minutes were read by Nancy Foreman. Motion to accept: Bob Miller, 2nd Fred Swartendruzer.

Treasurer's report: Linda Cripe presented End of Year and January report. Motion to accept John Jaworski 2nd Kathy Miller. Question on total Profit or Loss, Linda will provide next meeting.

Liaison report: Bob Bell / No Report

Parliamentarian: Bob Miller / NR

Midwest Federation / Bob Miller/ Discussed combined MWF/AFMS convention in Cedar Rapids Iowa. The dates are March 22nd to March 24th. Additional information can be found in the MWF News. A copy is on the back table.

American Federation / Bob Miller /see above

American Lands Access: Tom Noe / NR

Committee Reports: Bill Foreman

Displays: Josh Klosinski brought in several free items for a good home, and brought several items purchased in Tuscon. The Kraftors brought several items from Tuscon to show. Discussed he Fluorescent Mineral Society they attended while in Tuscon.

Jesse Zeiger Brought in some displays from school that had been left behind by a teacher.

Diann Gonsorek brought in additional items from Jacob's collection to sell if anyone was interested.

Editor: Jason Hefner / Not present.

Education: Jesse Zeiger is asking for rocks and geodes for her displays at school. She sent out an email to everyone requesting these items.

Social Media, Facebook: Josh Klosinski / Posted some information from Tuscon. Always looking for new posts to attract and educate new members. Continued on Page 4

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies News

AFMS Code of Ethics

With warmer weather more of us will be going out. Please take a moment to review our Code of Ethics.

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas. I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and Will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.



Purpose of the AFMS

To promote popular interest and education in the various Earth Sciences, and in particular the subjects of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and other related subjects, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons and groups interested therein; to sponsor and encourage the formation and international development of Societies and Regional Federations and by and through such means to strive toward greater international good will and fellowship.

www.amfed.org



Purpose of the MWF

To promote interest and education in geology, mineralogy, paleontology, archaeology and lapidary, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of groups interested in these fields.

www.amfed.org/mwf

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Field Trips: Kathy Miller/the bus trip was cancelled due to not enough people signing up. More discussion on short caravan trips.

Historian: / Jim Daly / Not Present

Hospitality: Kathy Miller /Thanked those for bringing in food for the meeting. She also asked for others to sign up.

Juniors: Still needing a volunteer to lead this. Linda Cripe is willing to try it, if she can get someone to be Treasurer.

Librarian: Seeking a volunteer. Kathleen Johnston is still looking at doing this. She would still like to discuss the past procedures with someone.

Membership: Nancy Foreman / 2018 we were at 191, 159 adults and 34 children. She is still waiting to hear from some members to see if they are going to continue with their membership.

Programs: / Kathy Miller / Nick Pellus – John Jaworski is doing a presentation on Copper.

Publicity: Josh Klosinski / NR

Safety: Jennifer Hefner and Julie Wieger / No Report

Show Chair: Josh Klosinski / Our show is coming in August and we will be gearing up. The contract has been given to Linda for payment.

Sunshine: - Anette Freel/Sherry Kobie A sympathy card was sent to Marty Perry as her mother passed away.

Webmaster: Joe Perry / NR

Old Business: Science alive was discussed by the Board. It needs to be a committee position so that things can be organized throughout the year to see if we want to continue. This year there was a concern as there were only two people there 10 minutes before opening. The Kraftors gave back the check for \$200, that was to be used for the 2019 show until someone steps up to ensure a good show. There are approximately 2000 children that go through. We need things to display and individuals to talk with the children. The Kraftors have a large amount of information to share.

The board discussed restructuring of the club. We need new people to step up and take board and officers positions. This helps the club with new ideas. The editor of the Rockhound, Jason Hefner would take the Presidents position, but needs someone to take over as editor.

The board and committee heads are planning on having two off-site meetings to see what can be done to re-organize and improve the club. Without changes there is a fear that our club will end up like others that have disbanded. The estimated time of these meetings is at least an hour. We will try to establish a fairly central location.

New Business: Please don't bring rocks to the church to store. If you bring something to show, please take it with you.

Adjournment – Motion made by Kathy Miller, and seconded by Don Church