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## Presidents message by Jason Hefner, President

Its time let others preside. We have a slate of officers we will vote on at the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. We still need someone to step up and fill the President's role. At the start of the meeting we will open up the floor for more nominations / volunteers for board members. Here is the slate:

President: Open  
Vice President: Nick Pellus  
Secretary: Jan Pellus  
Treasurer: Lyn Zeiger  
Liaison: Bob Bell

After a few minutes of discussion, we will vote and then adjourn for a time to eat and fellowship.

## Up & Coming

**Next Meeting: December 5, 2021**

**Doors open at 12:30**

**Meeting starts at 1:00 pm**

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

## Board of Directors

President: Jason Hefner  
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Vice-President: Josh Klosinski  
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Secretary: Diane Gram

Treasurer: Lyn Zeiger

Liaison: Bob Bell  
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Educational: Jesse Zeiger  
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Hospitality: Linda Miller 574-291-5027  
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Juniors: Linda Cripe

Librarian:

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Programs:

Publicity: Josh Klosinski  
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Safety: Jennifer Hefner  
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Show Chair: Josh Klosinski  
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Sherry Kobie 574-522-0189

Webmaster: Joe Perry 574-295-9050

# October 24, 2012<sup>1</sup> Minutes

Jan Pellus

Members in attendance / Adults\_24\_\_\_ New Members\_ 1\_ Children\_3\_  
Guests\_\_\_\_\_

Call to Order: President Jason Hefner

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

PAST PRESIDENTS/ Don Church – Kathy Miller

Secretary report: Diane Gram / No minutes available

Treasurer's report: Lynn Zeiger / Motion made by Dennis Krafter and  
seconded by Don Church

Liaison report: Bob Bell /

Parliamentarian: Bob Miller /No Report

Midwest Federation/

American Federation/

American Lands Access: Bob Miller /

Committee Reports

Displays: Josh Klosinski / Holly and Dennis Krafter are working on the  
old display cabinets

Editor: Jason Hefner / Looking for new Editor

Educational: Jesse Zeiger /No Report

Face Book: Josh Klosinski – Nancy Foreman – Holly Krafter /Send  
stories and/or pictures to share on facebook.

Field Trips: /Holly and Dennis Krafter are planning a trip in the spring.  
If any one wants to join them, they will provide more information at  
later date.

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## AFMS – From the desk of the President by Judy Beck,

AFMS President excerpted from [A.F.M.S. Newsletter Volume 74, Number 7 – November 2021](#)



It is a start to a new year for the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. To start things off I thought I would introduce myself. I joined the Amador County Gem and Mineral Society in 1996. By the second meeting I attended, I was asked to handle programs for the society's meetings. It was a challenge, but I was lucky enough to be able to work with the person who had handled this position. From that position, I have held the positions of Vice President, President, Treasurer, Education, Publicity and a few others for my society. At present, I am the Federation Director for my society. At the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies level, I was the Treasurer, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and President. Committee Chairs I have held are 2015 CFMS Show, Golden Bear, Long Range Planning, Boundaries, and Rules. For 16 years I was an instructor for the Earth Science Program.

At the AFMS level, I held the position of 3rd and 2nd Vice President, President Elect and now President. In 2015 Jay Bowman asked if I would be the Judges' Training Instructor. I was surprised and knew this was an honor. Jay started a revolution in how judging is done, and I am a firm believer in Jay's philosophy. My hope is to do my best for AFMS.

**President's Message** Susan Stanforth, MWF President excerpted from [MWF NEWS October 2021 - Issue No. 605](#)

My term is nearly over. Next month, this message will be written by Catherine Clevenz, who is following me in the presidency. I know she will do a great job – she's a sharpshooter and very experienced at club leadership.

I'll still be around doing my work as chair of the Silent Auctions Committee for MWF conventions. I'm also now assistant to the Public Image Committee chair, Joan Stoker, due to my interest in promoting our organization and encouraging more interactions. I'm sure my friend Regina Kapta will guide us in this pursuit.

I have also filled openings. New State Directors are Bruce Stinemetz for Missouri/Arkansas; Marcia Opatz for Minnesota; and Michele Yamanaka for Indiana. These are incredibly talented people and I wish them the best. I am so grateful that they have agreed to serve our MWF.

I just attended the MWF Convention in Bowling Green, Ohio, sponsored by the Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club. It's their 50th Anniversary, so congratulations are in order. And now I just want to say THANK YOU to MWF members for allowing me to serve you the last three years.

I just hope that my work has added to the value and viability of this Federation. I hold you all in the highest regard. Onward, to the future. If you want to make me president forever, I'm your gal (just kidding, Donna). It's been a lot of FUN!!!

### 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.

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### 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.

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## **Oct Minutes** continued from Page 2

Historian: Jim Daly/No Report

Hospitality: Kathy Miller /

Juniors: Linda Cripe/

Librarian: /

Membership: Nancy Foreman /Please send in dues before the end of the year

Programs: /

Publicity: Josh Klosinski/No Report

Safety: Jennifer Hefner and Julie Wieger /Will check on MSHA training for new members

Show Chair: Josh Klosinski and Joe Perry / Still have a couple of checks to be sent to us. Sow was a great success. We had approximately 400 more guests attend the show. Thank you Josh for the great work!

Sunshine: - Annette Freel & Sherry Kobie / Nancy Foreman mother celebrated her 100th Birthday. Congratulations!

Webmaster: Joe Perry /Please be sure to update your information (address or e-mail).

### **Old Business**

Science Alive will be held at the new library. After a discussion the club decided that we want to continue to have a smaller presence there.

It's time to elect new officers. Jason has informed the club that he must resign as president for now due to personal conflicts. He will send out a slate of officers before the next meeting. We would like to have other members step up to fill these positions. Please let him know if you are interested.

### **New Business**

We will have a Christmas party this year on December 5. Doors will open at 12:30 pm. We will eat at 1:00 pm. Fried chicken and fixins will be provided by Martins. Please bring your own plates and flat ware. Sign up early and join us.

The Jewelers Guild in Goshen would like to have some one teach them how to use their cabing machine. Don Church said that he is willing to teach them.

Adjournment – Motion made by Nick Pellus and seconded by Don Church

Program: John Jaworski

Next Meeting: December 5 CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

