

**Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society (CDG&MS) of Bismarck, North Dakota**

**Minutes for February 2, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by President Kevin Vetter on February 2, 2020 at the Bismarck Public Library. Other Officers in attendance were Vice President, Brenda Morgan; Treasurer, Victor Wingerter and Secretary, Darrel Spencer. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and Club members introduced themselves.

Treasurer: Victor Wingerter reported that the CDG&MS is in the black with all the bills having been paid. Victor reminded the club that memberships dues for the current year of 2020 can be paid.

Secretary Darrel read the minutes from the November 3, 2019 CDG&MS Meeting. An abbreviated report was given on our very successful tour of the Paleontology Department with Becky Barnes at the North Dakota Heritage Center. The minutes were approved as read.

**Old Business:**

Brenda discussed the "Creative Energy Event" being planned at Gateway Fashion Mall for February 21st-23rd, 2020. Thirty three exhibitors have signed up so far, with a variety of products for sale from wire wrapped rocks, fossils, silver smithing to more esoteric items.

**New Business:**

Brenda reported how important memberships are to our Club. She announced that a contest will be taking place to see who can sign up the most new members. At the end of the year the member who signs up the most new members would receive a free one year's membership. She gave membership application blanks to everybody who wanted to participate.

With no other new business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Program:**

Russ and Ray Olinger presented a very informative discussion of their many years being involved with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. They also shared a variety of experiences from attending many of the past rock shows from Southwestern United States.

Russ is resigning as the State Director of the Rocky Mountain Federation. Tom Tupa graciously stated that he would be available to replace Russ. President Kevin Vetter then appointed Tom to that position.



The above photo by Kim Reuer \* Russ & Ray's presentation on RMF \* Center pieces from past Convention Banquets  
**Announcements:**

Our next meeting will be March 15, 2020. Thea will be demonstrating how to make copper/rock Jewelry.

**2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES - 6 PM AT THE AMVETS CLUB**

**Feb. 25 \* March 31 \* April 28 \* June 2 & 30 \* July 28**

**Sept. 1 & 29 \* Oct. 27 \* Dec. 1 & 29**

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