

## Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society (CDG&MS)

### Minutes for March 15, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by President Kevin Vetter on March 15, 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 has a positive cash flow 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 Spencer read the minutes from the February 2, 2020 CDG&MS Meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

#### Old Business:

Vice President Brenda Morgan reported that the 2nd annual "Creative Energy Event" at Gateway Fashion Mall took place on February 21-23, 2020 with forty exhibitors. Saturday was a very productive date for sales but Sunday wasn't nearly as good. In general the people attending were happy with the event and are looking forward to the 3rd annual event. One recommendation for next year's event would be for Friday and Saturday only.

#### New Business:

Since, there was no new business, President Keven Vetter adjourned the meeting.

#### Announcement:

A sympathy card was sent to Russell Olinger on the passing of his son.

#### Program:

Tim Weiser presented an extremely interesting program on silver smithing. Basic tools used in creating jewelry like rings or pendants include silver wire, or sheets of silver, flux, silver solder, a rawhide mallet, shaping & snipping pliers, a small gas torch, cutting saw, imagination and lots of patience.



In demonstrating the art of silversmithing, Tim Weiser explained the types of tools needed and their use. The last photo shows the making of a silver border that will hold a beautiful polished stone. A silver border is added to a background with the aid of flux and soldered in place. The excess background is gradually removed, sanded, and polished for visual effect. The polished stone is added and admired by everybody.

**The 2020 Executive Committee Meeting which are normally held at the Amvets Club are on hold until further notice because of the Covid 19 Pandemic.**

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