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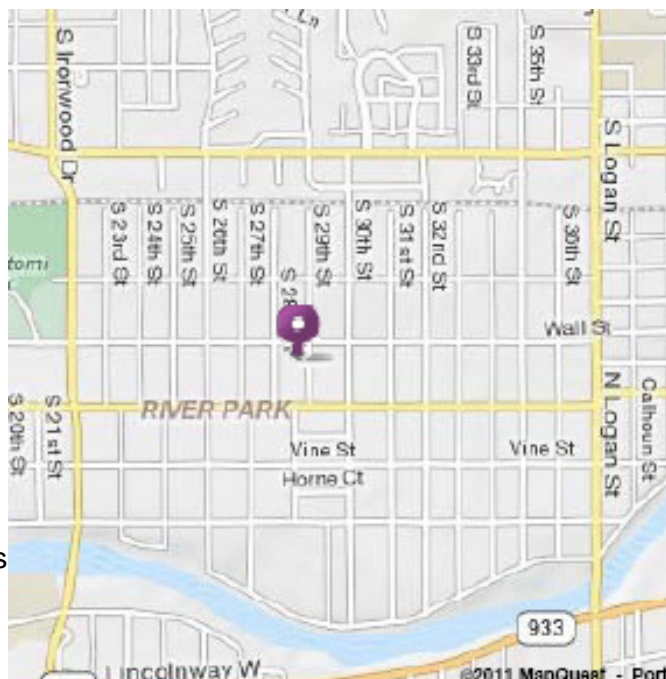
The purpose of the Michiana Gem & Mineral Society is to promote the study and enjoyment of the earth sciences and the lapidary arts, and to share lapidary knowledge and techniques. General meetings are usually held the fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at,

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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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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REMEMBER – Items in The Rockfinder that are **BLUE & UNDERLINED** are links to the internet or email addresses. Just click on them for more information.



Thank you



What a find!! We won this beautiful fish fossil specimen as a door prize at our Clubs Christmas Party. It is now the centerpiece on our dining room table where it puts a smile on my face every day. Many thanks to our new club President, Ross Ferguson for donating this and any other smile makers.

The Zeiger's

Up & Coming

Next Meeting: February 27, 2022

**Doors open at 1:30 pm
Meeting starts at 2:00 pm**

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

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January 23, 2022 Minutes

by Jan Pellus,

Secretary

Meeting Minutes Date: January 23, 2022

Members in attendance / Adults_17__Children__0__ New
Members__2_Guests____

Call to Order: President Jason Hefner in his absence Josh Klosinski

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

PAST PRESIDENTS: Diane Gram, Kathy Miller, Don Church, Bill
Foreman, Jason Hefner

Secretary report: Jan Pellus/ not available

Treasurer's report: Lynn Zeiger / Motion to accept report made by Nick
Pellus and seconded by Kathy Miller Discussed the upcoming 2022
budget

Liaison report: Bob Bell / no report - replacement needed

Parliamentarian: Bob Miller / no report – replacement needed

Midwest Federation/ replacement needed

American Federation/ replacement needed

American Lands Access: Bob Miller / no report

Installation of Officers: No additional volunteers - Slate accepted

President - Ross Fergerson

Vice President – Nick Pellus

Secretary – Jan Pellus

Treasurer – Lyn Zeiger

Motion to accept made by Kathy Miller and seconded by Randy Hill

Committee Reports

Displays: Josh Klosinski / no displays

AFMS – From the desk of the President

Margaret Kolaczyk, AFMS President 2021-2022 excerpted from [Volume 75, Number 1– February, 2022](#)

I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing time over the holidays. Now is the time to start thinking about the upcoming AFMS Convention and Show in New Orleans, LA. This year there is time to work on stuff for the competitions. All American, Bulletin & Editors, Programs, Website and Competitive Displays. If your club or you have not competed but are think you would like to, please reach out to the committee chairs. They are happy to help. Everyone has to start somewhere and now is a great time to do just that.

The committee working on revamping the AFMS Website are moving right along. I am so impressed with how this committee is building the website. Once the updated website is launched, I believe everyone will be pleased. Just remember that when anything is first started, there might be a few bumps along the way, so please be patient.

As Suzanne Webb and Pat LaRue will tell you, writing the President Message each month is very difficult for me. I struggle with what to say. But as president, it is one of the things I must do. My challenge is to all my AFMS committees. If I can take a couple hours out of my day to write for the newsletter, please do the same.

President's Message

Catherine Clevenz, MWF President excerpted from [March 2022 - Issue No. 610](#)

Hello Everyone!

Finally, it's March! With Spring being just around the corner, I am looking forward to going to a few rock and mineral shows. My goal is to attend at least one every month.

I am hoping to learn more about how other clubs set up their venues, as well as seeing what they do to increase membership. The best part will be checking out what the different vendors have to offer.

I hope that the different clubs are using, and will use, our Facebook page to advertise their shows. Just search for "Groups Midwest Federation" on Facebook.

Your club still has time to enter the All American Club Awards contest. Yearbooks should be sent to MWF Merit Awards Chair Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich by April 15, 2022. The top three get to go to the AFMS contest! If you have any questions please get hold of Mary Ann, mafergusonrich@gmail.com. I also want to mention that those who are going to the spring Executive Committee meeting April 2nd in Des Plaines, Illinois, should please get their hotel reservations in as soon as possible.

I am hoping to see a large turnout of those who are required to be there. I hear that the Des Plaines Valley Geological Society show is really nice also!



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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Editor: Jason Hefner / no report

Educational: Jesse Zeiger / no report

Face Book: Josh Klosinski – Nancy Foreman – Holly Krafator/ PI lease send any related information and/or photos to post

Field Trips: / We need someone to take this position - important

Historian: Jim Daly/ no report

Hospitality: Kathy Miller / We have some canned soda and water in the refrigerator. The members need to discuss whether or not to start bringing prepackaged cold snack foods to the meetings.

Juniors: Linda Cripe/ There has been very little participation.

Librarian: Kate Johnson/ no report

Membership: Nancy Foreman /

Programs: /

Publicity: Josh Klosinski/ We will have a table for displays at Science Alive. Please contact Josh if you are able to help.

Safety: Jennifer Hefner and Julie Wieger / no report

Show Chair: Josh Klosinski & Joe Perry / We will be starting to send out vendor information.

Sunshine: - Annette Freel & Sherry Kobie / Sympathy card to Bill Crull for Marie

Get Well card to

Webmaster: Joe Perry / Please check your email address and other information.

Old Business

Nothing at this time

New Business

Nothing at this time

Adjournment – Motion made by Kathy Miller and seconded by Nancy Foreman

Program: Nick Pellus presented a brief program on Chinese ink stones and chops

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