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Next regular meeting on

Dec. 6, 2014

12:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Elim Lutheran Church

5911 East Hillcrest Drive

Port Orchard, WA 98366

Nov. 8, 2014
WWGPAA

Message from our President

It is the start of a new year for the Western Washington GPAA chapter, which brings new officers and new opportunities. For those of us elected to new positions, it gives us a chance to get to know more of you and hopefully become friends with each of you. For the members, it is a chance to exercise patience as the new leaders work to find out what works and what doesn't. We hope we can fill a small measure of the footsteps Lonny has left behind. Your ideas, suggestions and kindness will be deeply appreciated. We look forward to seeing each of you at our annual holiday pot luck in December and to enjoying a fantastic meal together. Best Wishes to All -

HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

Cal

There is **NO** charge for attending the Western Washington Chapter of GPAA Meetings and visitors are always welcome.

The meeting was called to order by Cal.

Cal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: Wayne Lopez & Jody Anderson

The minutes from the Oct. 11, 2014 were read by Cal. A motion was made to accept as read, seconded and passed.

The treasurer report from Dannie. There is \$3,158.32 in savings and \$952.00 in checking.

Expenditures included costs to restock t-shirts and sweatshirts and additional GPAA membership kits.

Building cleanup with 6 volunteers.

Old Business:

Lonny reported he completed the 501 (c)(3) forms, sent them in and received a response from the IRS that they received them.

The building has been cleared to use on Dec. 6th for our annual potluck and gift exchange.

Signup sheets were sent around there are members bringing all of the items that we will need.

Lois Lato will be bringing a turkey.

The gift exchange will be with \$10.00 gifts and those bringing gifts will receive a ticket to redeem later for a gift.

The Gem & Mineral show at the Kitsap Fairgrounds (Presidents Hall). Penni arranged for us to

have a table at the show. Setup is Fri. 21 Nov. (4-5:00pm) with the show on Nov. 22-23 (10am-5:00pm)

Penni will bring a display case and we will sell t-shirts, sweatshirts and GPAA membership kits.

Penni will also check to see if we can hold a raffle. Volunteers will need to be there at 9:30am each day.

A signup sheet was sent around for people to help. We may also be demonstrating how to pan for gold.

Penni asks us to consider doing our own mini-gold show next year. The board will look at that after the first of the year when we are doing our yearly planning.

Reminder

Before you take off for the hills on a planned event with WWGPAA, make sure to check the website, facebook page or call the outings chairman or President Lonny Meadows,

just to make sure there are no last minute changes to the plans. Even though we try to keep our information current, last minute changes do happen.

REMINDER:

All persons must be GPAA members in good standing to work the WWGPAA claim, or to attend WGPAA outings.

New to mining? Join GPAA by contacting Lonny Meadows, 253 333-8931 or ldmeadows6@gmail.com. You can sign up and receive your kit immediately.

If you have any thing you would like to put in the newsletter, get it to Lonny.

Portland GPAA Gold show. Lonny reported that the Portland Expo will be handling everything and looks like it may be if we help setup and takedown, that we may have a free booth from which to present the WWGPAA chapter and sell goods or hold a raffle. More to follow as we get more information from the president of the Vancouver GPAA chapter.

New Business:

Opened the floor for a volunteer to be the Outings Director for next year. Barbara Kovac volunteered and members we encouraged to provide her with suggestions for outings.

Cape Disappointment had 12 people attend. Everyone found a little gold and had a good time. Bela Kovak brought an auger for digging to to the black sand layer and that helped quite a bit. Everyone reminded to have beach mining JARPA with them, a Gold and Fish pamphlet and also get a Discover Pass for your car. Carl mentioned if you buy the Discover Pass at the park you are going to, the money stays at that park.

Bill brought up that there will be at the Fish & Wildlife commission to consider new HPA rules that affect miners. Although people testified against the rule change, the commissioners passed the changes requested by the Fish and Wildlife agency. Resource coalition is starting a writing campaign to ask the commission to reconsider their decision. This was an unfunded update to the rules and the Fish & Wildlife must now go to the Legislature to request funding. In addition to cost of administering the new rules, it will also require new Gold & Fish pamphlets to be written, published and made available.

Penni showed some plastic badges she had made up and took signups for others that would like to get the same type of badge for themselves.

A raffle was held.

The meeting was adjourned.

