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Our next meeting is on Friday January 11, 2019 at 6:30 pm
At 2250 Goshen Tpke, Middletown, NY (Greek Church)

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President's Message & Program

Happy New Year 2019 and thanks again to all our members for making 2018 so memorable. Our auction and pot luck dinner for the December meeting was a lot of fun, enjoying good company for several hours. Meeting minutes are included in this newsletter. The 2019 officers are continuing from 2018 and Ryan Richardson was elected to an additional vice president position.

We certainly are grateful for generous donations by club members over the years in terms of specimens, time and efforts in club activities. Welcome to all the new and renewed club members. We welcome additional offers of help from any members in

this upcoming year. If you have ideas for promoting our club and helping out, please do not hesitate to mention it to any of your club members and officers.

Our January 11 Meeting is this Friday. We will be discussing upcoming shows and trips. In planning your winter vacation, remember to do an online search for minerals in that area for a little extra excitement and please share your enthusiasm with us.

Minutes, Speaker and Rock & Mineral Shows

The December meeting was held at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Middletown. Attendance reached twenty-five. Roster attached. Mike Tedford welcomed everyone and thanked us for a good year. Mike reminded us about paying dues. We need to submit payment to the Federation soon. Membership is currently right around sixty-two.

Minutes: Minutes for the November 9th meeting had been distributed in the Shale Mail. They were approved without change.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was read by Ron Nelson and approved.

Committee Reports:

Club show and 2019 EFMLS Convention: Nothing new. We do need to shake out some details for getting responsibilities and requirements listed.

Field trips/digs/misc: Ryan Richardson is not opposed to running another Herkimer dig in the Spring. Alex Kerstanski reminded us that Sterling Hill still has a dig the last weekend of the month.

Shows:

26 Jan - Rutgers – Saturday only

23-24 Feb - Albany

2-3 Mar - New York City

23-24 Mar - Western Massachusetts, Hadley Farms

Old/New Business:

Old: Phil Fernsten had a question during Jeff Fast's lecture in November. Phil asked if the color in dumortierite was due to copper. No, there is no copper. It is a borosilicate with aluminum and iron. The formula is: $(Al,Fe^{3+})_7(SiO_4)_3(BO_3)O_3$ (from Mindat)

New: Elections were conducted. The slate of nominations was the currently serving officers with the addition of one new nomination from the floor. Ryan Richardson was nominated to be an additional Vice President. He accepted the nomination and was elected along with the other current officers.

Gavin Hannah suggested that the offer of free table/tent space from the Herkimer Show organizers should be taken advantage of. He and Ryan Richardson are both familiar with the show and can potentially help staff the table.

Program: The meeting was our annual Holiday/Christmas meal. Thanks to everyone for bringing all the food and beverages. We ate well. We also conducted a silent/Chinese auction of around eighty lots. Thanks to Al Strohl and Maggie Nelson for staffing the auction. Thanks also to those that made donations to the auction lots.

Next Meeting: January 11th will be Dan Bishuk discussing trace fossils in New York.

Mark Kucera
Secretary

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