

September 2024 Riverton Mineral and Gem Society Minutes

Logistics:

- 27 attendees
- Treasurer's report given by Molly
 - \$1,516.79 in checking
 - \$6,337.57 in savings
 - \$7,904.36 total
 - \$1,974.27 spent on makerspace setup
 - \$800 coming to club from classes at Makerspace funded by a grant

Business:

- Field Trips
 - None rained out this year
 - Gained new members in the summer on field trips
 - Trips went well this year and are done for the year
- Makerspace Report
 - Equipment has power and is running
 - A grant was applied for with makerspace, \$800 was the club's share of the grant
 - Anyone wanting to learn equipment use come for a few hours to learn and be checked off to use the setup
 - Charge is \$5 an hour
 - Club will use punch cards to control the flow of payment for hours. Cards will be for a given number of hours and can be kept at makerspace. Cards can be purchased at meetings, Rock Solid, or Chaotic Closet.
 - Makerspace is open Mon-Sat 10-6
 - Those wanting to learn can schedule a Saturday to work with Steve to learn equipment use. Linda can also train people and check them off to use equipment.
 - Some people are already using the equipment
 - Linda is looking to lead more classes later
 - The club can apply for a grant on our own next year instead of doing it joint with makerspace as we did this year
 - Makerspace has asked to have a wire wrap class there
 - September 10 makerspace will have an open house/show and tell of the lapidary equipment from 5:30-7
- Other
 - Club usually chooses a rockhound of the year each year, it is suggested to do it this year
 - Each club nominates a rockhound of the year which is submitted to the state who decides on a winner
 - A narrative needs to be submitted with the person nominated
- Fair
 - Went well this year, more entries in geology than Linda has seen before
 - Had silversmithing entries from club members

Program: Show and tell of items found on field trips this year