

RMDGS  
Minutes 2/16/16

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Secretary Martie Grubenhoff in the absence of President Lois Gould and brief errand of Vice-President, Sue Dawson. There were 19 members and 1 guest, Heidi Becker, present. Treasurer, Jo Ellen Winther, reported as of 1/31/16 a checking account balance of \$12,893.03; Jo Ellen paid the church rent for the first quarter; the savings account balance was \$10,560.05.

Under old business were the changes to the club constitution and by-laws. Marj Becker moved that the members accept the changes; Ken Grubenhoff seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Under new business Harold Keller objected to the omission of the mini-program which the board elected to do because of meeting end time constraints imposed by the church's new rules and because of the increasing difficulty in member participation. It was suggested starting the meetings at 7:00 PM. The membership requested that the President check with the church to see if an earlier start time would be agreeable (with access at 6:00 to set up).

Member John Feltes made a presentation on Van Briggles pottery with a brief history of the Colorado Springs company which was started by Artus and Anne VanBriggle in 1899. The company changed hands over time and has since closed. However the son of one of the later owners, Craig Stevenson, created about 80 pieces in 2014 in his Lakewood Design Studio. John showed a number of beautiful pieces made by Craig in 2014. By continuing to produce items periodically Mr. Stevenson is able to maintain the Van Briggles trademark. There is a large display of Van Briggles at the Pioneer Museum in Colorado Springs.

Show & Tell:

Steve Bass: hard-to find Cambridge RosePoint pickle tray; Florentine #1 crystal bowl; baby Honeycomb opalescent tumbler; ruby McKee Rock Crystal shot glass; Owens Illinois clear striped salt and pepper shakers; Frankoma Woodland Moss pitcher and bowl;  
Harold Keller: Cambridge Gadroon candy with heatherbloom base and clear top.

Judy Knaushog and her husband Ron attended a glass workshop and made paper weights.

Helga Day: Heisey Crystolite candlesticks; a nude stem of unknown maker;

Fostoria Crown covered compote probably by Tiara.

Gail Fix: Van Briggles swan and a 1980's blue bell.

CJ Adams: Heisey Crystolite candlesticks; a pink mayonnaise ladle; clear eye cup.

Steve Bass announced that the pink American Sweetheart salver that he won as a doorprize last month would be featured in a bridal photo shoot.

Sue Dawson won the door prize of a Chilis gift certificate; Marj Becker won a gift certificate to Panera.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.