

## RMDGS Minutes 6/16/2015

President Roberta Hankins called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

John Faltes, a guest of Kathy Fay's was welcomed. He owns an antique shop, Fancy Pants in Arvada at 10500 Ralston Road. He may become a new member.

Treasurer, Jo Ellen Winther, reported a balance of \$10,557.93 in the club savings account and \$17,697.72 in the club checking account, which will decrease as the remaining donations are made and a couple from last year needed to be reissued. Jo Ellen provided a handout for all the expenses and income from the show that she, Tom Cotter and Tina Broderson compiled. The show yielded profit of \$3,605.05.

Vice President, Sue Dawson noted that there are still program slots available and sent around a signup sheet. Harold Keller said would be willing to fill in for anyone who needed him to but he would need a little notice.

No corrections were made to the May minutes.

New/Old Business.

In answer to Marj Becker's question of how the club was going to function now that there is no longer a show. The members will need to decide if we will become just a Social Club and or Social Club that gives talks. Marj has agreed to head up the revising of the club constitution and by-laws upon her return in the fall. Volunteers to assist Marj are needed.

Increasing club membership. Tina signed the club up at Meetup. An online place that people can learn about the club and hopefully it will attract new members. Tina paid for this directly; a motion was made and carried to reimburse Tina the cost (approximately \$39.00) which is a 6 month subscription. The link to each our meeting is: <http://www.meetup.com/Rocky-Mountain-Depression-Glass-Society-Meetup/>. Depending on how it works out we may renew later in the year. Another way to attract new members was discussed – displays at local library's. A volunteer is needed. If this is you – then please let Roberta know. She has done this for the Colorado Springs club and will have some good pointers for you!

The issue of reimbursement to the meeting host/hostess the club will continue to reimburse until a decision has been reached.

Door prize issue was solved – members will donate items to be given away if they choose to. Alex has volunteered for July and August. Curtis and Roxanne donated a Fenton bowl for June. CJ Adams won the prize. Members can bring small items to be stored in our cubby - room permitting.

Roberta restated that elections would be coming up and that a new president was needed. Sue Dawson, Jo Ellen Winter and Martie Grubenhoff would be continuing in their positions.

The main program on Modern Fenton glass was presented by Curtis Silbaugh who presented part of his and Roxanne's vast collection of Fenton. Curtis showed examples from the 70's up to today. The items shown were vases, baskets, planters and candy dishes. They came in a variety of colors, decorations, colors, etches, and finishes. He provided a handout of Fenton Logo's, quick facts, label history, list of artists. He noted that some of the more famous decorators will also increase the value of a piece. He also shared that basket handles are marked on one end with the makers mark. A list of these as was also provided.

After refreshments (dinner) was provided by Roberta and Gail – thank you very much! Kathy Fay shared part of her collection of miniatures. She had many examples of vases (several forms), pitchers, jugs, and toby jugs. Manufacturers ranging from Frankoma, Shawnee, Van Briggles, Red Wing, Brush-McCoy, Gouda, Morecroft and several others. She noted that the miniatures were made just the same as standard sized item (decorations and colors etc.) They were made to be as the name states miniatures. Many of them sold in gift shops as souvenirs. Some were made promotional items. A few of the smalls from Frankoma were sent out as Christmas cards from the Franks and were dated with the year in which they were sent.

Members shared their various finds. Alex shared a rare green Cambridge plate and a pair of Fostoria luster candlesticks. John brought in a wine glass that was thought to be of European in origin with enameled floral design. In normal light the glass was purple then with lights off and a flashlight shined on it – it appeared to be a light blue color. CJ asked for members to help her identify a couple of items – were not able to help with the decanter, syrup pitcher or a plate. The creamer and sugar were made by Anchor Hocking. The plate they were set upon was not – it appeared to be Fostoria (not sure). Sorry CJ we stuck out.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Dawson

for

Martie Grubenhoff,

Secretary