

Lakeland Gem and Mineral Club

General Membership Meeting

April 28, 2026

Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:30p

There were 16 people in attendance.

President's Report (Bruce)

Bruce attended a Mercer rock swap event.

We have 10 yellow volunteer vests. Copycat is making them for the club. They'll read "volunteer".

There's now a Rock Shop in Boardwalk Shops in Minocqua. There's also a new one in Ironwood.

We need flat rocks for the rock painting at the annual gem and mineral show. We also need rocks for the kid's grab bags. We can also use rocks for the silent auction. Coordinate donations through Bruce.

Vice-President's Report (delivered by Bruce in Kim's absence)

The new bylaws were distributed. Mary moved to accept the new bylaws, seconded by Bill. Motion carried.

Field trips: We're scheduled to go to Saxon Harbor and Little Girl's Point this Thursday, April 30. Bruce has been up to the area already this year, reports there are people there every day looking for agates (among other things), but that he's had success looking.

There is a proposal for a field trip to the Adventure Mine including a tour and a stop at a rock shop in Ontonagon. Cost is expected to be between \$15 and \$20 per person. We will set a date in May, targeting June for the field trip.

Bruce proposed visiting a mine in Iron Mountain with stops at Kingsley North and rock shops in the area.

Upcoming programs: Bruce went through the scheduled programs for the coming months.

Secretary's Report (Ross)

Ross read the minutes of the March club meeting. Bill moved to accept the meeting minutes, seconded by John. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Mary)

Mary reported expenses for the membership in the Midwest Federation, general club expenses including quiz prizes, strongbox for cash transactions at the gem show, a donation to the Church of the Pines. Expenses totaled \$1,265.88. The cash balance increased by \$580 because of dues and because the 2025 scholarship was not cashed so Mary voided the check.

Cathy moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Dan seconded. Motion carried.

Annual Gem and Mineral Show (Bruce, on behalf of Ron)

Bruce asked for volunteers to distribute fliers in the area, and particularly the chambers of commerce as they are helpful at promoting the event.

Bruce distributed the volunteer sheet for the show.

Membership Report (Mary)

Time to pay dues again, and please fill out a membership form with it.

The business meeting concluded at 7:10p.

Mary gave a presentation on silversmithing.

Bruce distributed the quiz. Josh won the quiz.

Ellie volunteered to bring the quiz for next month.

Ross moved to adjourn. Dan seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07p.