



**MILLENNIUM DIGGERS  
ASSOCIATION  
Keizer, Oregon**



Secretary/Editor Penny Esplin

**\*PRESIDENT- Wes Jeffers\***

**\*VICE PRESIDENT- David Schmidt\***

**\*TREASURER- Terrie Fox\***

**Meeting Minutes from September 25th, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Wes lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order and welcomed members.

**Attendance:** There were 13 members present

**Treasurer’s Report:** Terrie read our bank account balance, including the \$59.00 deposit made from the raffle. Don was reimbursed with a check for \$50.00 for food for the potluck. Penny was reimbursed with a check for \$19.00 for the purchase of coffee and creamer for our meetings. Tammy made a motion to accept the treasure’s report as read. Penny seconded and it was approved by all.

**Secretary’s Report:** Penny printed off several copies of the minutes from August’s meeting. (I don’t know if we read through it, I have no notes that we did, no motions, etc.)

**David**, the editor from **Keizer Times** said, “Yes you’re in the paper!” Not in the physical paper, but in the electronic form. Look it up!

Keizer Times Archives February-March 7<sup>th</sup> - [publisher@keizertimes.com](mailto:publisher@keizertimes.com) (I tried looking this up, but got nowhere, for some reason). Added later by web editor: <https://www.keizertimes.com/2024/03/07/digging-for-gold-and-other-valuables/>

**Upcoming Outings:**

**Beverly Beach on Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>.** Tammy and Wes host this outing. Wes said 30years ago he found ¾ ounce of gold working the black sand on the beach for 3 days. Dug down to bedrock, which is like sandstone and acts like clay, so the gold sticks to it. You can dig anywhere from 6 inches to 3 feet of black sand. The black sand is extremely heavy, Wes uses magnets in his sluice for trapping excess sand. A few years ago, he lost a sluice due to a sneaker wave! It caught them by surprise and Tammy was knocked down by a rolling tree stump! Keep your eyes peeled for those sneaker waves, they come out of nowhere and can be deadly

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**New Business:**

We will be having our **Christmas Party** on **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at noon** here at the church where we meet, a **potluck**. We will be doing the **White Elephant Gift Exchange**, so please bring a wrapped \$20.00 gift.

Try to make it something novel, or useable, or something to do with mining/camping/rockhounding. **Please, no:** “Christmas Mugs” or Scented Candles or Christmas Towels, etc. (I know I was never happy receiving any of those kinds of gifts! I say NO! *(Penny)*)

This will be a potluck. Penny agreed to roast a turkey. And Warren says, “No Garlic Please!” He is highly allergic to garlic.

**The Raffle:**

-For our next 2 (October and November) Raffles we are selling \$3.00 tickets each for:

-A Gold Nugget (donated by Wes) *Orange ticket*

-A Sunstone (donated by Wes) *Yellow ticket*

-A Faceted Sunstone (donated by Don) *Green ticket*

**We will call the winning tickets during the Christmas Party.**

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-Please feel free to bring **snacks** or something to drink to any meeting. We will provide coffee.

-Also, bring rocks and/or treasures to share and talk about. It makes the meeting even more fun!

-AND/OR please bring prizes to donate for our raffle table. (This is our only income for our club, after membership dues, and is what pays for our claims paperwork, etc.)

**Our next meeting is Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm**

**Meeting adjourned**

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm, at:  
Clear Lake United Methodist Church  
920 Marks Drive  
Keizer, OR 97303