

# Minutes of the Southwest Chapter of Utah Friends of Paleontology Meeting — October 22, 2014

**Opening:** Melinda called this meeting to order at 7 p.m., welcoming the 25 attendees.

**Minutes:** Elisabeth read the Minutes of the September 19 meeting. They were voted on, approved, and entered as such into the record. Later, a corrected version replaced the first one, and was also subsequently posted on the UFOP website by our webmaster BJ Nicholls.

**Treasury:** Sandra reported a beginning balance of \$ 892.87; a deposit of \$700 from our State UFOP plus one membership of \$20 brought the balance up to \$1,612.87. Purchases made for the SGDS lab totaled \$144.08 plus \$ 50 travel expenses for our September guest speaker came to \$194.08, which left us with the amount of \$1,418.79.

## **Miscellaneous news:**

Melinda informed the members that

\* Jeanette Bonnell was the new President of UFOP State as of May 2014.

\* She had received a letter from the UFOP State's Treasurer, Phil Policelli, announcing that on Oct. 1, 2014, the board members had granted an additional \$520 to our chapter in order to fund a fiber optic light and 3 microjack #6 styluses for SGDS's lab.

\* The SGDS prep lab will be closed as of November 1.

\* The opening of the new display at SGDS "Paleontological Field work and Fossil Preparation" was a great success; the 4 Pterosaurs had been relocated to a hanging position from the roof above the main museum area; the new mural looked very nice; and the scutellosaurus model from ArtEscapes 3-D was a worthy addition to the museum..

\* Andrew gave some information on our next guest speaker on November 19, John Foster, director of the Museum of Moab. John planned to bring copies of two books he had written and relevant posters, which will be available for purchase or order after the meeting.

Melinda then introduced our speaker for the evening, Dave Eisenstein. His presentation "The Bird/Dinosaur Connection" gave a straightforward and detailed explanation of the reclassification of birds as a type of theropod dinosaur. He showed the evolution of feather and flight reviewing many feathered dinosaurs through his accompanying picture show. As he said in his introduction: "We will never look at a hummingbird the same way again."

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*Submitted by Elisabeth Nipperus  
Secretary, Southwest Chapter UFOP  
November 19, 2014*