

Minutes of the SW UFOP Chapter Meeting

— October 16, 2013

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Steve opened the meeting at 7 p.m. and welcomed the 18 attendees.

Elisabeth read the Minutes of our UFOP meeting held on September 18, which were voted on, approved, and entered as such into the record.

Linda announced that the balance of our UFOP account had remained the same: \$ 1,200.28.

Melinda, who works as an intern at the SGDS Museum, spoke about the newest models exhibited in the museum, and other developments at the site.

Steve introduced our speaker, Dr. Rick Miller. He has been an Adjunct Professor of Geology at DSU and a lecturer in the ICL Program here since 2004. He received a BS degree in geology at California State University, Northridge, in 1965, followed by a MS degree in 1967 and a PhD in 1975 at UCLA. He was an assistant Professor and lecturer at CSU from 1970 to 1977, and then a professor at San Diego State University till 2001, and continues to be a Professor Emeritus at SDSU (e-mail address: rkmillier@dixie.edu).

His presentation was titled: "*Evolution : A Nine Letter Word.*"

Dr. Miller gave us a lot of data, for example:

- of the 48,000 US scientists, 700 believe in creationism
- theory is an explanation based on observation and experimentation
- evolution is change in taxa through time
- fossil succession is actually a different name for evolution
- in the 1700's 4,400 species (extinct and living) were known;
- in 2010 there were between 3 and 100 million.

Although we were familiar with this topic, which continues to be controversial within this society, and he understandably showed frustration at the apparent lack of total acceptance of the evolution theory in this year and age, mentioning "tilting at windmills," and a quote from a current re-elected congress representative: "Evolution is from the pits of hell," his presentation – accompanied by good illustrations – was an interesting and useful summary.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Elisabeth Nipperus, Secretary Southwest UFOP Chapter on November 20, 2013.