

Secretary's Report for February 2026
Portland Gold Prospectors Club Meeting

Location: Sunnyside Grange, 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd., Clackamas, OR 97086

Quorum: Yes, Attendees – 66 and eight guests.

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m., February 15, 2026, by President Dan Rouse, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction: Dan Rouse introduced the Board Members present; PGP's Vice President, Frank Hudson, introduced himself and welcomed guests.

Motions:

- Meeting Minutes – Peter Fredrick made a motion to approve the previous minutes as written and published on the PGP's website. The motion was seconded by Deb Nordin and passed by a vote of the general membership in attendance.
- Treasurer's Report – Mark Kirk made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Peter Fredrick and accepted by a vote of the general membership in attendance.

Three-Month Raffle: The drawing will be held at the March meeting.

Blue Bags: A question was asked—when does PGP receive proceeds from the State for the bottle/can drop fundraiser? The State sends PGP proceeds from bottle/can drop fundraising after accumulating \$250 in bottles/cans. Also, Jim Erwin mentioned that PGP is listed with the Fred Myers Club as a 501(c)(3) organization eligible to receive its support.

Square: PGP is now accepting payments via credit cards.

Membership Cards: Although they are not available at this meeting, 2026 membership cards will be available in March.

TyRoy Claims and PGPQC (Quartzville) Claim: Cindy Wright is the point person for both claims and gave the following update:

- Two outings are tentatively scheduled for the TyRoy claims in Baker County, one from June 14th through the 19th, followed by 21st through the 26th. Also, Cindy characterized the claims' camping and road conditions as primitive (a porta-toilet is available for the two outings) and locally challenging for low-clearance vehicles, with rough towing conditions for larger RVs.
- For the 20-acre PGPQC claim on Quartzville Creek, Cindy mentioned that the paperwork has been signed. In January, she, along with Chris Daiker and others from the club, traveled to the claim and posted claim signs. While there, most, if not all, found some gold.

Molalla Outing: An outing to Molalla is scheduled for March 22nd, which is a Sunday. The meetup for the outing is 10:00 a.m. at mile marker 5 pullout.

Guest Speaker: Wally from the Vancouver GPAA stopped by to show attendees the embroidery bags he makes and sells for \$5. He offered to donate the proceeds from sales during the meeting to PGP. The club will get \$250. Thank you, Wally!

Presentation: Dan Rouse took a minute to show us a range of steel and plastic gold pans available to prospectors and explained the pros and cons of the different sizes and types.

Snacks: A sincere thank you to the Patrick Family for providing snacks at this meeting.

Valentines: Thank you, Lorilee Cronn, for the Valentines—a lot of time and effort went into making them.

Raffles:

- Attendance – Steve Kragerud (silver dollar)
- Lorilee Cronn won three silver quarters.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Clark Niewendorp, Secretary of PGP, Inc.