

# Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership Meeting on April 27th, 2015, at Parkway Central High School

Present: Guy Gasser, Gary Hendren, Katrina Whitaker, Alan Barasch, Gene Stewart, Tom Minor, Sieg Stange, Norb Wright, Roger Grider, Wayne Youngblood, David Marsh, Phil Schorr, Frank Kollinger, Paul Miles, Alan Banks, Tom DeGroot and, and Sean Sunderlage.

The meeting was called to order at 8:03pm with 17 members (plus 1 new member) in attendance.

Minutes. The March 2015 minutes are on the club website but no paper copies are available tonight so they will be approved at the May meeting.

Finance report.

- Gary Hendren reported the Checking acct. balance on March 1st, 2015, was \$9,964.78.
- Income during March was \$606.75 (mostly dues).
- April month to date Income is \$300 (Fenton bourse auction + club cash)
- Expenses were \$185.
- Balance on March 31st was \$10,386.53.
- Balance as of tonight in the checking account is \$10,686.53.
- The club Savings acct. balance approximates \$12,000.

Committees.

- Stampfest.
  - The show dates for Stampfest are set for 29-30 August, 2015, in the gymnasium of Parkway Central HS.
  - Gary Hendren has emailed numerous dealers in the STL area plus Chicago and southern Illinois. Two dealers have indicated they will not be participating – Dave Semsrott and Denny Peoples. Gary has also mailed Contracts to 15-18 dealers and has 3 more to contact.

Library. Nothing to report.

Auction Bux. Gene Stewart referred to the design contest to be discussed under New Business.

Visitors. None

New Members.

- The club warmly welcomed Sean Sunderlage who collects Scandinavia + Dutch West Indies. Sean would like to hear from any member who has DWI stamps as some look drab and worthless but can be very expensive.
- Roger Grider signed up two new members at STL Stamp Expo, one being Bob Mahoney who is currently President of the Webster Groves Stamp Club. There was some jaw-jacking back and forth as to whether Roger qualifies to receive the whole 40 auction bux reward or has to split it with the vice president who apparently had a hand in the sign up!

Old Business.

- STL Stamp Expo, March 27-29. Guy Gasser mentioned that he became much more involved behind the scenes this year and learned much. He said the show was good with record attendance

on Friday and Saturday. Paid attendance for all 3 days was 692. The various seminars, Youth Room, and Boy Scout merit badge program were all well attended and successful. A Thank You to our members who helped with the many tasks.

- Our monthly meeting auctions – Guy Gasser asked for comments on how we can make our monthly meeting auctions more successful. Several members expressed concern on the length of our meetings and do we really need to end meetings by 9pm. Dave Marsh recommended we hold the auctions after the business portion and before the program to insure all attendees are here for the auction. Webster Grove Stamp Club holds their auctions before the program and they have been successful. Several members also recommended we start the meetings earlier, like 7:30pm. Gary Hendren then explained that his youth group meetings many years ago led to our current 8pm start time. Guy asked we give it more consideration and decide at May meeting.

New Business. Club Logo Contest. Guy Gasser asked each members to submit a design or sketch of a logo that best represents the club's focus/mission/history before we meet in May. There is no limit on entries per member, but each participating members will only receive \$50 auction box. A winning logo will be chosen at our July meeting with the winner to receive an additional \$100 box.

Attendance drawings. Gary Hendren won the 50/50 cash prize and Phil Schorr won the \$10 certificate good at our club's STAMPFEST later this summer.

Announcements.

- The St. Charles Spring Stamp & Postcard Show is this coming Friday and Saturday, May 1st & 2nd, at the Heart of St. Charles Banquet Center. There is no cost for admission.
- Gene Stewart's Stamp Bourse at Stratford Inn is Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, with an auction.
- One of our members informed us that he saw an obituary notice in the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* that active member Marty White passed away April 17. Our president will confirm and reach out to the family.

Program. Katrina introduced Frank Kollinger to speak to us on Ecuador. Frank provided much detail on the currency, customs, animals, plants, inhabitants, stamps in this South American country. His presentation included color slides as well as a power point slides. Frank's presentation was well received.

Auction. About 10 lots were laid out, but only one lot sold, a postcard. Less than 10 members remained for the auction.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh