

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on August 24, 2015, at Parkway Central High School

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Alan Barasch, Gene Stewart, Tom Minor, Roger Grider, David Marsh, Phil Schorr, Gary Hendren, Frank Kollinger, Marcus Meyerotto, Wayne Youngblood, John Deutch, Ken Grothoff, Dan Baugher, Mimi White, Paul Miles + wife, Norb Wright, Mark Bassett, Nate Esbeck.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm with 20 members in attendance.

July Minutes: Katrina distributed the Minutes for consideration and discussion. A motion was made by Alan Barasch and seconded by Gene Stewart. The minutes were approved as written.

Attendance drawings: Ken Grothoff won the 50/50 cash prize and Dave Marsh won the attendance drawing.

Finance report:

- Gary Hendren reported our Checking account balance has changed very little since July 31, with Deposits in August of \$175 (mostly from dealers) while August disbursements totaled \$106 (mostly to purchase postage to mail the Newsletter).

Committees.

Stampfest.

- The show dates are Saturday & Sunday August 29 and 30, 2015, in the gym of Parkway Central.
- Tom Minor is Chairman of Stampfest. He thanked all who have signed up to volunteer their time in the concession stand, welcome & greet attendees, set up the gym and clean up when the show ends Sunday. The gym should become available by 5:15pm Friday and set up should be complete by 7:00pm latest..

- Katrina is in charge of the dinner on Saturday evening. She again urged members (and spouses) to stay for the dinner and reminded the food volunteers to bring their own heating element if their side dish requires warming. She and Alan will pick up the BBQ meat and fried chicken around 4:00pm. Buns and drinks will come from the concession stand. We do not charge for the dinner.

- Tom mentioned we could use a few more volunteers and set out lists for members to sign up. Dave reviewed the list of food and eating utensils to be purchased. Gary will bring sufficient funds for the change box.

- Gary welcomed a few more lots for the Sunday afternoon auction (1:30pm) and wants to receive all lot descriptions and minimum bid amounts no later than Thursday, August 27. He expects over 100 lots by show time. Although 19 dealers had agreed to have tables, several have recently backed out and Gary is concerned that only 13-15 will show up.

Visitors: Katrina introduced Bob ? and Bill ? – 2 non-members who attended simply to dispose of a deceased friend's stamp collection in our meeting auction. No specific value was estimated and it sold for \$20.

Announcements:

- Guy and Alan mentioned the August APS Stamp Show held in Grand Rapids, MI, was a success and somewhat well attended. They also noted that both Gary Hendren and Scott Ward were honored to receive the highest awards for their Street Car and Parcel Post exhibits respectively.
- Guy informed us the two APS national shows in 2016 will be held in Portland, OR and Atlanta, GA. and we should make a serious effort to attend one of these shows.
- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn is Saturday, Sept.12th. An auction is scheduled.

New Business: None.

Meeting Auction:

-The scheduled auction began at 8:10pm with over 25 lots offered for sale. With much spirited bidding and lively descriptions provided by Guy, Gary, and Katrina, the auction concluded successfully at 8:35pm. Guy thanked members for submitting desirable lots and reminded us that members are most interested in postal history, old Cinderella's, box lots, 19th and 20th century US and Canadian stamps, small sets, and country collections. He asked if all agree to continue these auctions every quarter – Gene and Dave and others asked if we could try having them every other month and Guy agreed. The next auction will be at our October 26 meeting. Guy remains open for all suggestions.

Presentation: Mimi White led an informative presentation on the connection between "Stamps & Heroes during the American Revolution". She included updated issues in the presentation given originally in 2012 by her and her late husband Marty.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh