

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on October 26, 2015, at Parkway Central High School

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Gene Stewart, Roger Grider, Dave Marsh, Phil Schorr, Gary Hendren, Frank Kollinger, Ken Grothoff, Daniel Paule, Tom DeGroot, Larry Reutter, Paul Miles, Mark Bassett.

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:39pm with 14 members in attendance.

September Minutes: Copies were not available at the meeting tonight so they will be approved at our November meeting. Since some of the figures from Stampfest appearing in the September minutes have now been revised, an Addendum to those minutes will be issued for separate approval.

Attendance drawings: Gary Hendren won the 50/50 cash prize and Katrina Whitaker won the attendance drawing box.

Finance report:

- Gary mentioned the club's checking account balance at Sept. 1, 2015 was \$10,822. During September, deposits totaled \$2,602 and withdrawals totaled \$2,298 leaving a Sept. 30 balance in the account of \$11,126. Gary provided details of the numerous income and expense items, many of which were related to Stampfest activity.

Visitors: None

Announcements:

- Guy reminded us the Breakfast Club continues to meet at 8:30am at Hilary's Roadhouse on the second Monday of each month. He encourages us to participate, bring an interesting philatelic item to discuss and enjoy the good food.

- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn is Saturday, November 14 from 10am to 4pm. An auction is scheduled.

- The St. Charles Spring Stamp & Postcard Show will be held at the Heart of St. Charles Banquet Center on Friday 10-4 and on Saturday 9-4October 30 & 31.

New Business:

- Guy reminded us the election of new officers occurs at our November meeting. Representing the Nominating Committee, Ken Grothoff said both he and Mike Marian have contacted all members who may be interested in running for office. No one has volunteered so Guy opened the floor for nominations and placed the names of 3 current officers into nomination [except for Alan Barasch who is resigning as Secretary]. Katrina nominated Dave Marsh for Secretary. Dave and the 3 current officers agreed to run for the respective positions and they will appear on the November ballot. Alan is also stepping down as Newsletter writer and Phil Schorr has agreed to accept that task. Alan will need to spend time mentoring both Dave and Phil so we have a smooth transition. Gene Stewart will continue to handle the attendance records and bux's banking process.

- Katrina will again plan and MC the Christmas party & dinner at Syberg's on Dorsett on Thursday, December 3. She urged us to dress comfortably, bring our spouses, relatives, and friends to enjoy

the games, camaraderie, and buffet dinner. After a meeting and concurrence with all the club officers, Guy reduced the dinner ticket price to \$10 per person [was \$15 in prior years] which still includes 1 free drink ticket. Katrina welcomes all ideas and concerns we may have. Drinks & hors d'oeuvres start at 6:30pm and the evening should conclude around 9:30pm. New club officers will be introduced. We should let Gary know ASAP if we will attend and pay him either at our November meeting or at the door on Dec. 3.

Meeting Auction:

- Numerous lots were offered including publications remaining from Betty Nettles' estate. Guy handled the bidding which started at 8:05pm and finished at 8:52pm.

Program:

- Tonight we had scheduled Philatelic Jeopardy. Since the meeting auction ran almost 50 minutes and with some members already headed back home, it was agreed to hold Philatelic Jeopardy at our Nov. 23 meeting prior to the Auction Bux Sale. Guy urged us to arrive early to view the auction bux items.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh