

# Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on August 22, 2016  
at Parkway Central High School

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Gene Stewart, Roger Grider, Dave Marsh, Phil Schorr, Tom Minor, Frank Kollinger, Ken Grothoff, Norb Wright, Marcus Meyerotto, John Deutch, Mark Bassett, Wayne Youngblood, Dan Baugher, Mimi White, Dave Rosenstock

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:30pm with 17 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Gene to approve the July Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mark and approved by all attendees.

Drawings: Mimi White won the 50/50 cash prize [\$8.50] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 certificate for use at StampFest was won by Dave Marsh.

Guests: Dave Rosenstock introduced his friend John Stephens who retired from Monsanto, has collected US Commemoratives off and on for many years and thought he would enjoy attending one of our meetings. We gave John a Member Information form and hope he will consider joining. Ken brought friends Ken & Diane George who brought their young grandson Alex Norienberns after he expressed an interest in stamp collecting.

Treasurer report:

- Gary was away on a much deserved vacation and unable to attend. He will provide updates on the club bank accounts and financial results for StampFest at our September club meeting. Guy said 15 of the promised 18 dealers showed up. 1 of the 3 missing, Nancy Moellering was in the hospital. Those 3 represent \$390 of lost revenue but Guy hopes we broke even for the show.

Secretary report:

- Dave said that he was able to slightly reduce concession stand costs while providing quality food offerings at StampFest. He thanked all who helped make the stand a success.

Vice President report:

- Katrina thanked all our members who worked at the show and brought a side dish. We underestimated the fried chicken count but had the proper amount of beef and pulled pork. We picked up 2 new members which brings a total of 5 new members in 2016. She confirmed our annual Christmas holiday party will again be held at Syberg's Restaurant on Thursday, December 8, 2016. Price of \$20 per person in unchanged for drinks, games and a buffet dinner.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn is Saturday, September 10. An auction is scheduled.
- Guy reminds us the Breakfast group continues to meet at 8:30am at Hillary's Roadhouse on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month – next meeting Sept. 12. All members are welcomed.

Old Business:

-**StampFest** took place at Parkway Central HS on August 20 & 21. Guy mentioned the 2 day attendance was 157 as compared with 134 attendees in 2015...a 17% increase. Attendance on Saturday was 110 but fewer seemed to attend on Sunday. This prompted Katrina and Guy to ask for suggestions on how we can increase attendance on Sunday i.e. hold a 50/50 cash drawing around 3:50pm for those present? distribute coupons redeemable only on Sunday? We all agree the auction at 1:30pm on Sunday is a primary reason many attendees remain for that afternoon.

Tom thanked all the club members who volunteered their time [esp. Mark Bassett who did double duty] and he agreed to continue as Show Chairman in 2017. Katrina recommends we begin shutting down the snack bar at 3:30pm in the future.

Gene Stewart complained that numerous dealers near his table began closing and packing up as early as 3:10pm while 3 interested collectors were actively examining his offerings. This discourages other attendees from staying longer. Guy agreed we should make it clear to dealers they cannot begin closing down before 3:30pm in the future.

-John Deutch asked if we received favorable comments from all of the 15 dealers who were present. Guy said he heard all were happy and did OK except the 1 dealer here from Minneapolis

New Business:

-the next club auction is scheduled for our September meeting.

Program:

-Katrina arranged for us to play Stamp Bingo as a backup plan since our scheduled presenter Sean Sunderlage has not communicated with her and did not attend the meeting. We played 4 games, 2 of which were won by guests Alex and John. Ken and Roger also won a round.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh