

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on January 25, 2016 at Parkway Central High School

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Gene Stewart, Roger Grider, Dave Marsh, Phil Schorr, Gary Hendren, Frank Kollinger, Wayne Youngblood, Ken Grothoff, Norb Wright, Tom DeGroot, Alan Barasch, Mark Bassett, Norb Wright, Mike Marian, John Deutch, David Sullivan, Marcus Meyerotto, Dan Baugher, Tom Minor.

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:31pm with 21 members in attendance.

November Minutes: Guy introduce the Minutes for consideration and discussion. A motion was made to accept by Roger and seconded by Phil and were approved as written.

Attendance drawings: Guy won the 50/50 cash prize and David Sullivan won the attendance drawing of \$10 box for use at Stampfest.

Treasurer report:

- Gary said our Checking account balance at Dec. 1, 2015 was \$11,136. Income during December was \$345 [mostly Christmas Party receipts]. December expenses were \$1,103 leaving a Dec. 31, 2015 balance of \$10,378. The club's Savings account balance was \$12,367 at end December.

Secretary report:

- Dave Marsh thanked members for paying their 2016 in a timely manner. All but 23 of our 60 members had paid prior to tonight. 9 more paid this evening. He is in the process of updating our member roster and will distribute a new Member Information form in February asking all members to revise/provide any missing or incorrect contact details and list their possible interest in presenting at club meetings or preparing an exhibit for future stamp shows.

Visitors: Mary Patton arrived late intending to sell her large collection in our club auction. Guy urged she bring it to the Stratford Inn bourse for dealer comments plus more and higher bidders.

Announcements:

- Guy showed the expanded Auction Bux form which includes more ways members can earn bux during the year. Space permits for the addition of new categories as needed. He encouraged members to donate ATA 25 stamp packets with a maximum of 20 packets per year.
- Guy & Wayne reminded us that APS officer elections are fast approaching. The nomination process requires each candidate to have support from at least 10 stamp club affiliates. Each club can second only 1 candidate so we need to think about who GMSC should support.
- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn is Saturday, February 13. An auction is scheduled.
- Gary announced that 2 of our members, Wayne Youngblood & T.G. Rehkop, will be teaching courses this summer at APS "stamp camp". He encourages us to attend this week of classes at APS headquarters where we'll learn and meet other knowledgeable collectors.

New Business:

- Dan Baugher asked that someone volunteer to handle the "5 cent" box of stamps that are sold by the club and purchased by interested attendees at our Stampfest show in August. All proceeds help support our youth programs.
- Guy asked that a member consider volunteering to gather the awards to be presented to Exhibit winners at STL Stamp Expo in early April. This position reports to the Awards Chairman and is behind the scene making phone calls, sending emails and attending committee meetings.
- our bi-monthly club auction started at 7:57pm, successfully sold 13 lots and ended at 8:12pm. Five sellers, including club donations, submitted lots for sale. The next club auction will be at our March club meeting.

Program

- Katrina introduced Alan Barasch whose PowerPoint presentation entitled "The Picture is the Same" featured a wide variety of stamps issued jointly by 2 countries depicting the same design. There was some fun discussion as to why any country agrees to issue a stamp featuring the other country's design or picture.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh