

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on May 23, 2016
at Parkway Central High School

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Gene Stewart, Roger Grider, Dave Marsh, Phil Schorr, Gary Hendren, Mark Bassett, Tom Minor, Wayne Youngblood, Frank Kollinger, Alan Banks, Mike Marian, Scott Ward, Paul Miles.

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:33pm with 14 members in attendance.

Minutes: Our Secretary neglected to bring copies of the April meeting Minutes tonight so they will be presented for approval at our June club meeting.

Drawings: Phil Schorr won the 50/50 cash prize drawing and Mike Marian won the attendance drawing of \$10 box for use at StampFest.

Treasurer report:

- Gary said our Checking account balance at April 30 increased slightly to \$10,795. The club's Savings CD balance was unchanged at \$12,375. \$357 is in the 2 cash boxes. Grand total on April 30 is \$23,527. More details are included in the 3 ring binder maintained by our Secretary for any member to examine.

Secretary report:

- Dave is finalizing our updated Member Roster and will include it with the mailing of our June Newsletter. To date we have 2 new members in 2016. Total members 56.

Vice President report:

- Katrina asked that members begin thinking about side dishes they can bring for the Saturday night dinner at StampFest.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn is Saturday, June 11. An auction is scheduled and Gene expects a new dealer, Scott Couch to have a table.
- Scott Ward personally thanked all our members who assisted him with the Youth Room at Stamp Expo. He also mentioned that dealer Damian Johnson recently purchased E&D Auctions located in Kansas City.
- Roger Grider [currently VP of Webster Groves Stamp Club] asked how many of us are interested in chartering a bus [spouses are welcome] to attend larger stamp shows for 2-3 days in relatively close surrounding areas i.e. Chicago, KC, Indianapolis, Omaha, Milwaukee, Nashville, etc. He will move the idea forward with members of WGSC and keep us informed.
- Guy invited us to join him for desserts at a nearby Steak n' Shake after these monthly club meetings and reminded us that our June + July club meetings will again be held in the basement at Tropicana Lanes just east of Clayton Rd. and Brentwood Blvd.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **StampFest** will again take place at Parkway Central HS on August 20 & 21. Tom Minor has agreed to be Show Chairman again this year but wants to train a co-chair volunteer who will assume full responsibility in 2017. Duties include handling advertising, promotion, registration, concession stand and responding to general questions. This role is different from the Bourse Chair that Gary continues to handle. We will ask for volunteers at our June club meeting.
- Gary has 8 dealers already under contract and Guy is expecting a dealer from Indianapolis to have a table.
- In addition to each member having a personal vote for new APS officers, our club can submit a vote. Guy called for a show of hands as we selected the majority's choice for each office. The Secretary will mail our ballot before the deadline.

Club Auction: 16 lots were sold for a total of \$41. Approximately 12 other lots received no bids. The next club auction is scheduled for our July meeting.

Program:

- Katrina introduced Nate Esbeck who spoke about Fakes & Forgeries. His presentation compared numerous original stamps with problem copies and explained the often minute differences we should look for. Sources of information were provided i.e. www.stamp/forgeries.com. Nate closed with an interesting discussion on the lives of well-known philatelists who produced these items, many of which are in demand and collectible today.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh