

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on October 24, 2016
at Parkway Central High School

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Gene Stewart, Roger Grider, Dave Marsh, Phil Schorr, Ken Grothoff, Norb Wright, Vic Silver, Larry Reutter, Mimi White, Mark Bassett, Jerry Schultz, Tom DeGroot.

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:30pm with 14 members in attendance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Katrina to approve the September Minutes. The motion was seconded by Roger with a provision they be AMENDED to show "the price of our Christmas party remains \$10 per person" and not \$20 per person as appears inaccurately in the September Minutes. With this Amendment, the revised Sept. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Drawings: Roger won the 50/50 cash prize [\$5] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won by Mimi White.

Guests/Visitors: none

Treasurer report:

- Gary is traveling out of town and will provide us updated financial details at our November meeting.

Secretary report:

- Dave thanked Gene Stewart for helping bring former member John Mattler back into the club.

Vice President report:

- Katrina confirmed our annual Christmas holiday party will be held at Syberg's Restaurant on Thursday, December 8, 2016. Price of \$10 per person is unchanged for drinks, games and a buffet dinner. Syberg's needs a head count soonest and she asked us to bring our \$\$ to the November club meeting. She and Guy asked for members to volunteer to give a presentation at meetings during 2017. Both Nate Esbeck and Norb Wright are already scheduled to present in 2017.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn/Fenton is Saturday, November 12. An auction is scheduled.
- Roger invited us to attend the Webster Groves Stamp Club meeting Nov. 4 to hear Alan Barasch give a detailed tutorial on how to prepare a presentation. Katrina urged our attendance.
- Guy showed a list of 61 lots already donated for Auction Bux to be held at our November meeting. More lots are desired so please submit some plus descriptive details to Gary by November 15.

Old Business:

- Guy led a discussion on what to do with the club's Library materials and asked each of us to examine the 8 page 1999 inventory list we all received with the Newsletter. We must decide if enough of the material is still beneficial to the club and is any member able to store it free in their home. Vic Silver mentioned that he previously served as club Librarian and believes it still contains valuable pamphlets and writings but all the old catalogues should be trashed. Guy asked if he should appoint a Librarian and an Assistant Librarian to examine everything and prepare a clean updated listing. Then let our members decide what to retain and what to destroy. Mimi has spoken with Mercantile Library and they expressed an interest in accepting our material. Vic and Tom cautioned us that public libraries usually want freedom to dispose of seldom used items, esp. with remodeling and reduced storage space. Guy wants to make a final decision in early 2017.
- New Business:
- Gene shared with us a rare and valuable 1907 Zeppelin post card that traveled from Germany to Zurich. It was part of a large collection of post cards he purchased at a recent small show.
- -Phil called our attention to the seldom used 68 cents US stamp required to mail our recent Newsletter.
- -Jerry brought several binders for us to examine containing a wide variety of Air Mail stickers and unusual cancellations that he has collected over many years.

Program:

- -our annual Philatelic Jeopardy game began at 8:15pm under Guy's direction. Three separate teams competed aggressively with some members speaking out of turn and without the team captain's approval. With a star studded roster, team Treasury came in first with 385 Bux going to each team member. In second place was team Secretary with 50 Bux going to each member, one of whom claimed the officiating was unfair and rigged. In third place was team VP who finished with a sizable deficit but each losing member came away with 25 Bux. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event and looks forward to the 2017 game.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh