

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on April 24, 2017
at Parkway Central Middle School

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Gary Hendren, Dave Marsh, Norb Wright, Tom Minor, Gene Stewart, Phil Schorr, Ken Grothoff, Jerry Schultz, Ed Bayham, Larry Reutter, Mike Marian, Frank Kollinger.

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:37pm with 14 members in attendance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Gene to approve the March Minutes. The motion was seconded by Phil and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Drawings: Phil won the 50/50 cash prize [\$6.00] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 certificate for use at a future Stampfest was also won by Phil. Hmmm!

Guests/Visitors: Shafiq Khuhro said he has inherited a stamp collection and will consider joining our club

Treasurer report:

- Gary had many conflicts and will provide a complete financial update at our May meeting.

Secretary report:

- Dave updated our membership explaining we have dropped 5 members and added 3 new members to date in 2017. Ed Bayham mentioned his primary collecting interest is German states. Amanda Morgenstern and Rick McCoy are also well known in local philately circles.

Vice President report:

- Katrina has now booked meeting Programs thru end 2017 and has at least 2 committed for 2018. She is already making plans for Stampfest and will ask for volunteers to handle chores in the coming months. Tom Minor continues as Chairman. The firm dates are August 19 + 20. Katrina will get bugs out of our lap top and projector so educational DVDs can be played at club meetings.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn/Fenton is Saturday, May 13. An auction is scheduled.
- Guy reminded us the Breakfast Club meets at Hilary's Roadhouse at 8:30am on the 2nd Monday of each month. The next meeting is May 8.
- Guy shared a letter he received from Scot Ward thanking our members for helping in the Youth Room at Stamp Expo. Gary also thanked those who assisted him with the Boy Scouts Merit Badge program in which all but 1 boy achieved their badge.

Old Business:

- The club Library has been successfully moved to Phil's basement and the few volunteers who handled the move each earn 50 auction bux. We retained 2 sets of metal shelves and

about 25 boxes of material. Phil is in the process of examining the items and will provide an updated inventory in the coming months.

- Gary reminded us that he is handing over the task of preparing descriptions of lots being received for disposal at our Bux Auction held at a club meeting in November. We need a volunteer to assume these duties by our July meeting.

Club Auction:

- The next club auction will take place at our May 22 meeting. Lot description forms were distributed

Program:

-Katrina introduced Jerry Schultz who shared with us his knowledge and extensive collection of stamps, drawings, etchings, cancels, private labels, post cards, proofs and currency that was produced by perhaps the world's most renowned engraver, **Czeslaw Slania**. Born Oct. 21, 1921 in Poland, he graduated high school in 1934, was sent to a German work camp in 1939 where he helped almost 500 escape. In 1951, he produced his first engrave [his school's Dean] and no stamps from 1956, when he left Poland, thru 1960. Most of his stamps are Sweden [350] with Monaco the 2nd most prolific [200]. Jerry began collecting Slania's works in 1992 and had the honor of meeting him in 2000 in Chicago. Slania died in 2005, the year Jerry joined the Czeslaw Slania Study Group and actively communicates with members around the world.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh