

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on August 28, 2017
at Parkway Central Middle School

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Norb Wright, Mark Bassett, Gene Stewart, Gary Hendren, Roger Grider, Frank Kollinger, Larry Reutter, Paul Miles, Mike Marian, Shafiq Khuhro, Phil Schorr, Dennis O'Brien, Dave Marsh, Ken Grothoff, Tom Minor

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:33pm with 17 members in attendance.

Minutes: The June meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Gene and a second by Phil. The July meeting Minutes were then approved following a motion by Roger and a second by Ken.

Drawings: Roger won the 50/50 cash prize [\$6] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 certificate for use at a future StampFest was won again by Frank.

Guests/Visitors: none

Treasurer report:

- Not all the figures for Stampfest are in so Gary reported briefly that Parkway Central charged us \$1087 which is a \$200-\$300 increase over 2016. This includes \$81 for 3 hours set up on Friday [?] plus \$520 for 20 hours @ \$26 of a custodian [?] plus \$425 for security of \$27 per hour for the weekend.
The show auction moved >100 lots on Sunday and netted the club \$269 [our 15% commission]. He reported that 8 of our monthly Attendance prize certificates were utilized with the dealers.
The July financial report shows Income during the month of \$121 less Disbursements of \$930 which left the July 31 checking balance at \$8,135. Our Savings CDs total \$12,414 and 2 cash boxes total \$262 which leaves the club's total funds down a little at \$20,911 on July 31.

Secretary report:

- Dave thanked by name those volunteers who gave so much of their time to make the food stand at Stampfest a success again. Dave needs help creating the new name badges and have Alan and Phil ready to deliver. The club agreed we should include an updated Member roster with the September Newsletter mailing.

Vice President report:

- Katrina thanked all who helped her serve the Saturday night supper at StampFest. She needs to plan the Christmas Holiday Party and make sure Syberg's has a room available on Thursday Dec. 7. The 2016 cost was \$900 which included \$130 for 1 alcoholic drink for each attendee.
Our September presenter has withdrawn so Katrina will make that program.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next monthly stamp bourse is Sept. 9 at Holiday Inn – South (SOCOPEX) located on Lindberg near Hwy 55. New hours are 9am to 3pm...there will be no auction.
- The Breakfast Club will meet Monday Sept. 11 at Hilary's Roadhouse at 8:30am.

Old Business:

- Our library inventory is now on the club's website and consists of 10 pages grouped by category. Gary requested we add each author's name to help with look up.
- StampFest – Tom thanked all who helped handle each of the many tasks. Guy mentioned that 167 attendees walked thru the door [154 in 2016] and completed a sign-up sheet. Roger suggested we seriously consider changing next year's Auction format to include Silent Auctions running all day with maybe 5 lots sold every hour....this has been successful for the Champaign/Urbana club.
- Guy again asked our members to visit the club's Facebook site and to share the page with all of our contacts. Our goal is to add more members and build up the club's membership.

New Business:

- Guy introduced our latest new member in attendance, Dennis O'Brien.
- Gary brought more bags of old club stuff that is available for sale to the attendees.

Club Auction:

- The next auction will take place at our September 25 meeting. Lot description forms are always available from our Secretary.

Program:

- Katrina introduced Paul Miles at 8:26pm and he shared with us his extensive collection of zeppelin covers along with a history of these airships as detailed in "The Giant Airship" published in 1980 by Douglas Botting and Time Life Books. Paul recounted the 1937 explosion of LC129 the Hindenburg while landing at Lakehurst, NJ. He discussed the 1929 flight of Graf Zeppelin that circled the globe in luxury and whose covers are very rare and sell for upwards of \$10,000 each. A must have for zeppelin collectors is Frost Publishing Company's "Special Airship Mail & Post Card" catalog.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh