

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on February 27, 2017 at Tropicana Lanes

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Gary Hendren, Roger Grider, Dave Marsh, Norb Wright, Mimi White, Tom DeGroot, Tom Minor, Marcus Meyerotto, Gene Stewart, Phil Schorr.

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:52pm with 12 members in attendance. Prospective member Steve Moiles was hoping to attend tonight but did not arrive.

The reason for being at Tropicana Lanes is we were unable to obtain a reasonably priced liability insurance policy that Parkway Schools decided to enforce just days before this scheduled club meeting. Gene brought the 2017 attendance sheets for members to keep track of their monthly earned auction bux.

Minutes: A motion was made by Katrina to approve the January Minutes. The motion was seconded by Roger and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Drawings: Norb **again** won the 50/50 cash prize [\$6.00] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 certificate for use at a future Stampfest was **also** won by Norb. There was some grumbling among the unhappy attendees.

Guests/Visitors: None

Treasurer report:

- Gary provided complete details on the club's finances and the Christmas Party. At January 1, 2017, the checking account balance was \$9,717; January income of \$367 included Christmas Dinner receipts of \$255 plus 2017 dues and cash from sale of the Japanese collection. January expenses were \$468 for the club's new lap top. This left our checking balance at \$9,616 at January 31. The Fenton & GMC cash boxes total \$405.; the savings CDs still total \$12,390 for a grand total of \$22,411. It was noted the Christmas Party in December cost a total of \$1,076 [dinner, bar, gifts, programs, stamps].

Secretary report:

- Dave thanked members who have paid their 2017 dues. 5 members paid tonight leaving 7 still not renewed. Guy asked to identify those unpaid so follow up can be considered. All 7 attended one or no meetings in 2016. Guy will contact Dave Benish re his alleged dues free status. Dues submission deadline is April 1.

Vice President report:

- Due to a mix-up, Katrina mentioned our program tonight is a CD video we borrowed from the APS library. She again urged any member to conduct a program so Tom Minor agreed to present in May and Gene Stewart will present in July.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn/Fenton is Saturday, March 11. An auction is scheduled.
- Guy reminded us the Breakfast Club meets at Hilary's Roadhouse on the 2nd Monday of each month. The next meeting is March 13.

Old Business:

- Guy thanked Phil Schorr for offering to be club librarian and store all the publications in his home. Volunteers will help move the materials out of Alan's and Gary's basements in April after Stamp Expo.

New Business:

- Guy and Katrina discussed Stamp Expo to run March 31 thru April 2 at the airport Renaissance Hotel. Volunteers will again be needed to assist Scott Ward and Bob Mahoney with the youth room and leading kids thru the exhibit stations. Gary will learn how many Boy Scouts will attend the merit badge class and assign volunteers. The club will again host an information table in the hotel lobby.
- March 1 is the deadline for submitting ballots to Linn's voting on the best & worst US stamps issued during 2016. Each attendee completed a ballot that will be mailed to Linn's by the Secretary.
- Guy and Gary discussed the liability insurance issue we are trying to resolve with Parkway School District. It appears we have been in violation of Parkway's policy which had not been enforced until now. Waivers signed by our members are not an acceptable solution. Gary has received annual premium quotes of \$500 and \$266 and continues his search for a lower cost. His agent was unable to provide a rush Rider so we met tonight at Tropicana Lanes. Our intent is to remain at Parkway Central Middle School and use their gym for Stampfest.

Club Auction:

- The next club auction will take place at our March meeting.

Program:

- Katrina was prepared to lead a CD video covering "The Doctoring of Postage Stamps – Philatelists Beware" however we were unable to engage the volume and had to postpone the presentation to a future meeting.

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

Submitted by Dave Marsh