

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on June 26, 2017
at Tropicana Lanes in Clayton, MO

Present: Katrina Whitaker, Dave Marsh, Norb Wright, Tom Minor, Phil Schorr, Mark Bassett, Mimi White, Marcus Meyerotto, Gene Stewart, Nathen Esbeck, Paul Hicks, Ed Bayham

Katrina called the meeting to order at 7:36pm with 12 members in attendance. Guy was attending an out of town stamp show.

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

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

Guests/Visitors: Christina Esbeck

Treasurer report:

- Gary was traveling out of town and expects to provide a financial update at our July club meeting.

Secretary report:

- Dave asked if any attendees know member David Thompson or have his contact details. Mailings to him are being returned "addressee unknown" and his listed phone number is not a working number.

Vice President report:

- Katrina informed us that she will not run for re-election in November and encourages all of us to consider taking on the VP position. She has already scheduled meeting programs thru the first quarter of 2018.

Announcements:

- - Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn/Fenton is Saturday, July 8. An auction is scheduled. Future monthly bourses, starting August 12, will take place at Holiday Inn – South (SOCOPEX) located on Lindberg near Hwy 55.
- Katrina reminded us that our July meeting will be at Tropicana Lanes.
- Several members noted the club's new Facebook page is up and running and that all of us should log in and join as a Friend.

Old Business:

- Phil expects to finish organizing and listing all Library materials so it is available at our July meeting.

-Stampfest

Tom brought sign-up sheets for attendees to indicate dates & times they plan to work at Stampfest. There will be a high school football game that Friday night but he expects we can begin setting up in the gym around 5:15pm. Gary has 16 dealers under contract and knows we lost 2 or more dealers who chose to attend a large show in Wichita the previous weekend. We will have no exhibits again this year but the usual auction will take place on Sunday afternoon. We should inform Gary ASAP of any lots we members want to sell in the auction and bring them to the show. Dave will oversee the concession stand again and Katrina will make arrangements for the dinner on Saturday evening.

New Business:

-None to discuss.

Club Auction:

-The next auction will take place at our July 24 meeting. Lot description forms are always available from our Secretary.

Program:

-Katrina introduced Nathan Esbeck at 7:55pm. He presented on **Special Delivery Service** which started in October 1, 1885 at 555 US post offices. The delivery messengers were mostly teenage boys who were not postal employees. A 10 cent fee was added for first class delivery and regular stamps could be used to pay for special delivery. The US was the first country to offer this speedy service. Nate showed us numerous covers with back stamp markings although some post offices stopped applying any markings. The fees were claimed by either the post office city or by the first address city. Treaties had to be negotiated with individual countries to establish reciprocity which led to the rate being increased to 20 cents in 1923. Many countries, including Canada, Australia, Colombia, Cuba, Saudi Arabia, Bermuda, Swisse, HK, Israel, Germany etc. plus overseas Western Union offices carried a supply of US Special Delivery stamps to facilitate the service. The last US Special Delivery stamp was issued in 1971. Nate discussed many such covers, including one carried by Skata in Colombia and let us examine his binder of more than 100 such covers.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh