

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on March 27, 2017
at Parkway Central Middle School

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Gary Hendren, Roger Grider, Dave Marsh, Norb Wright, Tom DeGroot, Tom Minor, Gene Stewart, Phil Schorr, Ken Grothoff, Alan Banks, Rick McCoy, Sieg Stang, Jerry Schultz, Mark Bassett, Paul Miles.

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:31pm with 17 members in attendance.

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

Drawings: Tom DeGroot won the 50/50 cash prize [\$7.00] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won by Ken.

Guests/Visitors: None

Treasurer report:

- Gary provided complete details on the club's finances. At February 1, 2017, the checking account balance was \$9,616; February income of \$177 was mostly 2017 dues. February expenses were \$226 for Newsletter supplies and Tropicana Lanes rental. This left our checking balance at \$9,597 at February 28. The Fenton & GMC cash boxes total remained \$405.; the savings CDs still total \$12,390 leaving a grand total of \$22,362 at end February.

Secretary report:

- Dave thanked Ken for alerting us of the passing March 22 of long time member Hollis Sisk. Dave will mail a sympathy card to his daughter Mary on the club's behalf. 5 members have not renewed dues for 2017 and will not receive monthly Newsletters after April 1. Guy will contact Dave Benish to clarify his alleged dues free status. Dave passed around work sign-up sheets for Stamp Expo and Guy urged members to man the club's information table where we will have lists of remaining 2017 club Programs plus names of members not yet renewed for 2017 plus Member Information forms for prospective members to complete.

Vice President report:

- Katrina thanked our members who have volunteered to present a Program during the remainder of 2017. She is already making plans for Stampfest and will ask for volunteers to handle the many chores in the coming months. Gary will speak with dealers at Stamp Expo to see if they plan to return for Stampfest in August.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn/Fenton is Saturday, April 8. 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 April 10.

Old Business:

- Phil hopes to arrange a firm date with Alan Barasch for moving all Library materials to Phil's home during April/May. A few volunteers will be needed.
- Guy said the liability insurance issue has now been resolved with Parkway School District. We have been in violation of Parkway's policy which had not been enforced until now. He shopped around for competitive quotes from brokers and accepted an annual premium of \$400 less 10% when we pay up front. Coverage of \$1 million for each incident and \$2 million general aggregate travels with us anywhere we meet or congregate as a club.
- Guy and Katrina discussed Stamp Expo and stressed this is an opportunity to bring in new members. Guy asked that we all spend time visiting the dealers. He also explained some organizational changes that were necessary as Regency-Superior is playing a minor role this year. Gene mentioned the committee is dealing with some growing pains and Mike Peter along with Wayne Youngblood have stepped in for David Kols who continues to battle health issues.

Club Auction:

- More than 20 lots were being offered. 15 sold to 5 bidders for a total of \$33. The bidding began at 8:12pm and ended 18 minutes later. The next club auction will take place at our May meeting.

Program:

- Katrina introduced Phil Schorr who shared with us his knowledge of Roses on stamps issued throughout the world. In 2007, Phil co-edited the 12th edition of Modern Roses and subsequently served for 7 years on the National Board of the American Rose Society. He estimates there are now over 37,000 varieties of roses grown worldwide. His love began when he planted 7 rose bushes at home. He circulated stamps and covers from his personal collection which includes covers from England, St. Lucia, Nova Scotia, San Marino, Colombia, Germany, Finland....many bearing either a Tudor or heraldic rose in the stamp design. Phil noted that 4 US states have a rose on their state stamp and Bulgaria is the leading producer of rose adder. After fielding many questions, Phil saw that he must plan a follow up presentation down the road.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh