

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on May 22, 2017
at Parkway Central Middle School

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Gary Hendren, Dave Marsh, Norb Wright, Tom Minor, Phil Schorr, Ken Grothoff, Jerry Schultz, Larry Reutter, Mike Marian, Frank Kollinger, Mark Bassett, Mimi White, Marcus Meyerotto, Tom DeGroot, John Deutch, Dan Baugher.

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:33pm with 18 members in attendance.

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

Drawings: Dan won the 50/50 cash prize [\$7.50] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won by Mark.

Guests/Visitors: None

Treasurer report:

- Gary provided a complete financial update as of March 31 and April 30. At end March the combined checking, cash, and CD was \$22,424. At end April the combined total declined a bit to \$22,283 due to ongoing Newsletter expenses.

Secretary report:

- Dave mentioned we added 2 new members [Paul Hicks & Sharif Khuhro] during May which gets us up to 61 total. Nancy Moellering asked us to communicate with Paul Mueller as a prospective member.

Vice President report:

- Katrina reminded us she is always looking for more members to present on a topic of interest at our monthly meetings.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn/Fenton is Saturday, June 10. 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 June 12.
- Guy noted our club was mentioned in Linn's recently as having voted for the favorite US stamps issued in 2016. He was surprised to learn the sheet of 6 US Classics Forever stamps supposedly sold only at the 2016 World Stamp Show - NY is also for sale in local post offices.
- Guy reminded us that our June & July meetings will be at Tropicana Lanes.
- Gary passed out flyers for the 1 day Fall Stamp & Coin Show taking place Sunday, October 29 in Springfield, IL. The show is hosted by the Springfield Philatelic Society and will be at Trinity Lutheran School on South Macarthur Blvd.

- Phil shared copies of our recent Newsletters with Fred Skvara at Topical Times. The ATA will mention our club in the Chapter Chatter section of their next issue along with topics we covered in our recent meetings. Nice publicity.
- Gary invited us to attend the Missouri Precancel Club's annual show, [TG Rehkop, President] known as Mulefest on June 9-10, 2017 at Arlington United Methodist Church, 3770 McKelvey Rd, Bridgeton, MO. Friday times 9am - 10:00pm, Saturday 8am - about 3pm. They expect two big dealers bringing lots of precancels and perfins. There will be a Saturday afternoon auction. Mark your calendar.

Old Business:

- Phil hopes to finish organizing and listing all retained Library materials so it is available at our June meeting. Much still qualifies for recycling.

New Business:

- Mark indicated he can no longer house the large quantity of Monsanto Club retired circuit books of mint + used stamps, covers, and albums that he brings to our monthly meetings. This has become a nice source of revenue for the club, esp. at Stamp Fest when all items sell for 5 cents each. Guy is looking for a volunteer to take on this task.

Club Auction:

- The auction began at 8:02pm. 12 lots were sold to 3 different bidders for a total of \$49.25 in 11 minutes. The next club auction will take place at our July 24 meeting. Lot description forms are always available from our Secretary distributed.

Program:

- Katrina introduced Tom Minor who presented on **Cinderella Goes to War in WWI**. Tom examined the war from a philatelic perspective and showed us numerous Cinderella stamps and covers he has collected. Most were produced by Monsieur Delandre [quite a con man] who hired dozens of artists and printers to create a wide range of stamps intended to raise money in support of veterans groups and the war in numerous European countries and the US. These included fakes of Italian stamps, patriotic propaganda stamps, Italian ships, civic assistance stamps, military regimental unit images, anti-royalty protest stamps in Hungary, and fake French Red Cross seals. Delandre kept much of the money raised, was arrested in 1917, and died in jail during the early 1920's. Tom referred us to several publications, including "Images of the Great War" by W. Schmidt and "For God, Kaiser & Fatherland".

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh