

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

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

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Mark Bassett, Gene Stewart, Gary Hendren, Roger Grider, Frank Kollinger, Larry Reutter, Phil Schorr, Dave Marsh, Norb Wright, Tom DeGroot, Paul Hicks, Tom Minor, Mimi White, Shafiq Khuhro, Mike Marian, Dennis O'Brien, Jerry Schultz, Ed Bayham, David Sullivan

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:36pm with 21 members in attendance.

Minutes: The October meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Gene and a second by Mark.

Drawings: Tom DeGroot won the 50/50 cash prize [\$7.50] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future StampFest was won by Mimi.

Guests/Visitors: a young lady offered to donate her Dad's small US stamp collection to our club and Guy accepted.

Treasurer report:

Gary mentioned that we spent more than we took in during October and he will have complete details at our January meeting.

Secretary report:

- Dave received a letter from Smithsonian National Postal Museum Society requesting a donation of \$75 to help further their efforts promoting interests in our hobby. After much discussion Katrina made a motion, seconded by Phil and passed 20-1 to make this 1 time contribution. There is concern this will lead to additional requests by others and it was agreed we will include with our check a clear request not to share our club name with other non-profits seeking donations.
- Dave also sought advice on how to best handle the 1-2 requests he receives monthly from people wanting to dispose of an inherited stamp collection. Katrina and others asked that he tell people to bring their collections to a monthly Socopex bourse so dealers can examine and perhaps offer to buy the collections.

Vice President report:

- Katrina needs a final count of those who will attend our Christmas party on Thursday, December 7. 18 people have already signed up and we'd like to have 30 attending. Anyone is welcome to pay their \$10 at the door. The Secretary will send an email blast encouraging attendance. We need to give Syberg's Restaurant an accurate head count.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next monthly stamp bourse is December 9 at Holiday Inn – South (SOCOPEX) from 9am to 3pm. There will be no Christmas party as HI does not allow us to bring in food or drinks! Dennis asked Gene to hold a meeting of all the participating dealers to discuss and resolve the question of discontinuing the well-attended auctions at Socopex. Gene agreed.
- The Breakfast Club will meet Monday December 11 at Hilary's Roadhouse at 8:30am.

- Guy invited all members to join the officers after this meeting at Steak & Shake for a late dessert.
- Gary mentioned that Scott Ward is giving up his responsibilities of managing the Youth Room at Stamp Expo in early 2018 due to strenuous health issues that require Scott's ongoing focus. We all wish Scott a speedy recovery and will keep him in our prayers.

Old Business:

- We still need a member to volunteer to create lot descriptions and oversee the annual Auction Bux that consumes our November meeting. Gary is stepping down.
- Mark reminds us that he is no longer able to retain and transport the club's inventory of stamps & covers, mostly inherited from the Monsanto Stamp Club. This is a nice source of income at Stampfest annually. Another member needs to volunteer to handle this Stamp Manager chore. Phil thinks Bob Mahoney may be interested in being Stamp Manager.

New Business:

- The election of officers took place with no new nominations from the floor. We voted "by acclimation" to retain the current President, Treasurer and Secretary for another 1-year term. Approval was unanimous. The Vice President office will remain open until a volunteer steps forward.
- Guy distributed our new club lapel pins to each attendee and said the Secretary will retain a supply.

Club Auction:

- The next auction will be held at our January 2018 club meeting. Lot description forms are always available from our Secretary.

Program:

- At 8:12pm, the Business portion of our meeting closed and we began the annual Auction Bux with 80 lots up for grabs. Guy & Katrina reviewed the rules and began offering the most prized lots first. Bidding was aggressive and surprisingly high for many lots, esp. the plastic magazine holders that come from the club's library. A few members appeared never run out of bux to spend! Everyone seemed happy with their purchases.
- With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:49pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh