

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on March 26, 2018 at Parkway Central Middle School

Present: Ed Bayham, Mark Bassett, Gene Stewart, Roger Grider, Larry Reutter, Phil Schorr, Dave Marsh, Norb Wright, Dan Baugher, Tom DeGroot, Paul Hicks, Tom Minor, Mike Marian, Dennis O'Brien, Jerry Schultz, Mimi White, Marcus Meyerotto, Ken Grothoff, Joel Schwartz, Pat Morgan,

Dave called the meeting to order at 7:50pm with 20 members in attendance. Parkway is on Spring break and we were fortunate that security was there to let us into the bldg.

Minutes: The February meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Gene and a second by Larry.

Drawings: Our guest, Lesa Morgan won the 50/50 cash prize [\$6.00] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future StampFest was won by Joel Schwartz.

Guests/Visitors: Lesa Morgan, Pat's better half.

Treasurer report:

- Gary was traveling and unable to be here for the meeting. He will provide updated financial figures during the April meeting. At January 31, our funds totaled \$20,056.

Secretary report:

- Dave mentioned we have 67 members of which 7 have not yet renewed for 2018. He provided a few names and invited members to contact any of these fellows. Phil Schorr has offered to share some duties with Guy.

Vice President report:

- This position remains open. Guy and Gary continue to handle these chores in the interim.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next monthly stamp bourse is April 14 at Holiday Inn – South (SOCOPEX) from 9am to 3pm. There will be an auction in the early afternoon.
- The Breakfast Club will meet Monday April 9 at Hilary's Roadhouse at 8:30am.
- Dave expressed the club's sympathy for David Kol's early March passing and offered his address for those wanting to mail a card to his family

Old Business:

- A few members turned in their ballots voting on the proposed wording change in the club's By-Laws. Tonight, was the voting deadline. Passage is expected at the April meeting.
- Marcus, Dennis, Phil, Tom and Gene gave brief reviews of Stamp Expo with thanks to those club members who volunteered their time. The Youth room was attended by more than 50 kids and parents and 7 of the 8 boys passed their Boy Scout merit badge testing. Total show attendance was similar to 2017. A complete financial review will be given at our April meeting.

New Business:

- Marcus donated numerous unused US plate blocks which sold at face value bringing \$9.25 new income into the club. Dan Baugher donated a tub of stamps and covers which Pat will add to the wealth of material he now maintains for sale as Stamp Manager. Thank you, Marcus & Dan.,

Club Auction:

- The auction began at 8:15pm with over 25 lots available for sale with Gene & Phil urging the bidders on. A wide variety of 19 lots sold for a total of \$50.75. The next auction will take place at our May 28 meeting. Lot description forms are in short supply, so Dave is asking Phil to print a good supply.

Program:

- Our speaker, Ed Bayham gave us an interesting history lesson on China's Treaty Ports and the numerous post offices that were established by Belgium, France, Russia, Great Britain and the US along the Yellow River and coastline of China leading up to WWI. The need for these post offices escalated as foreign investment in railroads, infrastructure and commerce grew quickly in mainland China. His collection of covers with fascinating cancellations added clarity to this subject. Ed may have similar material he can share in a future program.

After collecting/dispersing funds generated in the auction and with no other business, the meeting adjourned a 9:06pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh