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Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on January 28, 2019

Present: Phil Schorr, Gene Stewart, Paul Hicks, Marcus Meyerotto, Norb Wright, Stephen Price, Roger Grider, President Guy Gasser, Pat Morgan, Dennis O'Brien, Ken Grothoff, Mimi White, Lesa Morgan, Frank Kollinger, David Mahsman, Tom DeGroot, Jerry Schultz, Mike Marian, Vice-President Edward Bayham

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes: The November meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Gene and a second by Pat.

Drawings: Phil Schorr won the 50/50 cash prize [\$8.00] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won by Paul Hicks.

Treasurer report:

-Gary was out of state, so no Treasurer's report was given.

Announcements:

- Guy reminded everyone that dues for 2019 are now due. We only have five members remaining who have not paid their dues.
- Ed Bayham reported that the schedule of programs is almost complete, but we still need a speaker for September as Gary Hendren would welcome someone to take that spot currently listed for him.
- Guy introduced our newest member, David Mahsman, who just joined at the meeting. He is a long time collector and we look forward to seeing him at our future meetings.
- Next month we will vote for our choices for the Linn's Best and Worst stamps of 2018 poll.
- The club voted to nominate the current candidates running for office with the APS and the APRL (library).
- Guy announced that Christina Esbeck, the 9 year old daughter of Nathan, was featured in a nice article in Topical Time, the magazine of the American Topical Association, telling about her collection of cupcakes on stamps.
- Socopex will take place on February 10. Don't miss it.
- The Breakfast Club will meet on February 12 at the usual time and place.

Success:

-Guy announced that, after several conversations, Phil Schorr had agreed to take on the office of Secretary for the club. Pat nominated Phil for the office and Marcus seconded. He was quickly elected.

Auction:

-Guy conducted the bi-monthly auction, with several lots selling for attractive prices.

Program:

-Ed Bayham presented an interesting program on the life and voyages of the cruiser, the U.S.S. Vincennes, showing covers documenting it's travels.

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on February 25, 2019

Present: David Mahsman, Gene Stewart, Lesa Morgan, Treasurer Gary Hendren, Stephen Price, President Guy Gasser, Larry Ruetter, Ken Grothoff, Pat Morgan, Marcus Meyerotto, Roger Grider, Paul Hicks, Dennis O'Brien, Vice President Ed Bayham, Secretary Phil Schorr

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes: The November meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Pat and a second by Paul.

Drawings: Lesa Morgan won the 50/50 cash prize [\$8.50] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won by Phil Schorr.

Treasurer report:

-Gary reported the bank balance at the end of January stood at \$18,379.11. In addition, the Socopex cash box had \$124.75 and the GMC cash box had \$191.00, giving a total balance for the club of \$18,694.86.

Following this report there was a prolonged discussion on finances and club activities. A question was raised about the activities of other stamp clubs. Marcus summarized the activities and membership of the Webster Groves club, other local clubs, and a club in Orlando, FL. Club auctions were also mentioned, and there was some feeling that our club has almost all low value auction lots and should have some more expensive items. While this has not been successful in the past, a few higher value lots will be included in the March auction to see if they generate interest and bidding.

Announcements:

- Guy reminded everyone that dues for 2019 are now due. We only have five members remaining who have not paid their dues.
- Ed Bayham reported that the schedule of programs is almost complete, but we still need a speaker for September as Gary Hendren would welcome someone to take that spot currently listed for him.
- Guy introduced our newest member, Gary Toth, who just joined at the meeting. He mainly collects stamps on aids to navigation. We look forward to seeing him at our future meetings.
- Guy asked everyone to fill out the provided ballot for the Linn's annual stamp poll. They were collected and mailed to Linn's.
- Phil raised the possibility of including articles on various collecting topics in the newsletter. While that would be welcomed, it would require members to be willing to provide articles to be included, either ones they authored or felt would be of interest.
- Guy noted that Stamp Expo is coming the end of March and volunteers will be needed. He will have forms at the next meeting to volunteer for various duties.
- Socopex will take place on March 9 with hours from 12:00 – 5:00. Don't miss it.
- The Breakfast Club will meet on March 11 at the Olive St. Café, 12710 Olive Blvd.

Program: Marcus and Gary presented a program to encourage more people to exhibit.

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on March 25, 2019

Present: President Guy Gasser, Frank Kollinger, Gene Stewart, Treasurer Gary Hendren, Katrina Whitaker, Mimi White, Norb Wright, David Mahsman, Pat Morgan, Ken Grothoff, Joel Schwartz, John Deutch, Roger Grider, Secretary Phil Schorr, Tom Minor, Vice President Ed Bayham, Dennis O'Brien, Gary Toth, Larry Reutter.

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes: The November meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Roger and a second by Gene.

Drawings: John Deutch won the 50/50 cash prize [\$8.00] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future StampFest was won by Norb Wright.

Treasurer report:

-Gary reported the bank balance at the end of February stood at \$18,440.11. In addition, the Socopex cash box had \$124.75 and the GMC cash box had \$191.00, giving a total balance for the club of \$18,755.86.

Announcements:

- Guy reported that only three 2018 members did not pay their dues for 2019.
- StampFest is scheduled for August 17 & 18. We are raising the table fees since it has been many years since the last increase. We expect to have at least one new dealer at the show.
- Guy reported that Expo will have more dealers than in previous years. There will be a large number of exhibits, partly due to the German Philatelic Society having a Salon at the show, so the competitive exhibits will be moved to the Lambert Room. We will need someone to help set up the kids' room on Thursday and to help during the show. Nathan Esbeck needs help repairing the exhibit frames on Wednesday morning. We will have a club table at the show, and could use help with members staffing the table for an hour during the show. Guy reminded everyone they can earn 50 Auction Bux for each day they assist at the show for at least an hour.
- There will be a First Day Ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on Friday of the show.
- Socopex will take place on April 13 with the normal hours. Don't miss it.
- The Breakfast Club will meet at 8:30 a.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Olive St. Café, 12710 Olive Blvd.
- Roger reported there will be a book fair the first weekend in April in Queeny Park to benefit the Nursery Foundation.

Auction:

The bi-monthly auction was conducted by Guy Gasser. There were a few higher value items in this auction, as had been requested. The total of the winning bids was \$97.50.

Program: The laptop and projector decided not to work well together, so the program had to be postponed until a later date.

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on April 22, 2019

Present: President Guy Gasser, Roger Grider, Tom Minor, Gene Stewart, Lesa Morgan, Dennis O'Brien, Katrina Whitaker, Secretary Phil Schorr, Mimi White, Dan Lindsay, Marcus Meyerotto, Norb Wright, Pat Morgan, Vice President Ed Bayham, Frank Kollinger, David Mahsman, Jerry Schultz, Joel Schwartz, John Deutch

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes: After one correction, the March meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Gene and a second by David. It was also noted the report at last month's meeting that there would be a book fair at Queeny Park the first weekend in April was incorrect and the actual date would be the first weekend in May.

Drawings: Phil Schorr won the 50/50 cash prize [\$8.00] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future StampFest was won by Mimi White.

Treasurer report:

-Gary was out of town on the meeting date. Guy reported we had no expenditures since the last meeting, and \$10 in dues plus the 50/50 money were the only receipts.

Announcements:

- Phil reported we had a guest, Dan Lindsay. Dan became a member before the evening ended.
- Ed Bayham reported we now have a program for September so the programs for this year are complete. Volunteers to present programs next year are needed and welcome.
- Stampfest is scheduled for August 17 & 18. Tom Minor is chairing the event and Ed Bayham will run the concessions. Both will need volunteers. We still need a bourse chair. Jerry Schultz will handle the auction. 15 or 16 dealer contracts have been sent out, so we should have more dealers than in the last couple of years.
- Guy held up the latest copy of the APS journal and said it was available for anyone who would like to take it. The club receives a free copy each month, but we do need to learn how many of our members are also APS members.
- Socopex will take place on May 11 with the normal hours. Don't miss it.
- The Breakfast Club will meet at 8:30 a.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Olive St. Café, 12710 Olive Blvd.
- Americover will be held in St. Louis the last weekend in July. There will be an APS "On The Road" course the day before the convention begins.
- There will be an auction during next month's meeting. If you have anything you would like to see included, let our dealer members know. There will again be items with higher values.

Program: Phil Schorr presented the program on "The Dead", explaining his OCD (Obsessive Completion Disorder) and how it led to his collecting the stamps of dead countries.

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on May 20, 2019

Present: Tom Minor, Treasurer Gary Hendren, Joel Schwartz, Vice President Ed Bayham, Frank Kollinger, Pat Morgan, Katrina Whitaker, Mimi White, John Deutch, Ken Grothoff, Gene Stewart, Norb Wright, Roger Grider, Secretary Phil Schorr, Paul Hicks, Dennis O'Brien, Lesa Morgan, Jerry Schultz, Nathan Esbeck.

Vice President Ed Bayham called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes: The April meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Tom and a second by Pat.

Drawings: John Deutch won the 50/50 cash prize [\$6.50] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future StampFest was won by Paul Hicks .

Treasurer report:

- Gary reported that over the last two months we had just \$27 of income, but \$722.44 of expenses, with most of the expenses related to our annual insurance premium and Christmas party expenses. The grand total balance at the end of April was \$18,060.42.

Announcements:

- Ed Bayham reminded everyone the program for June will be a Show and Tell, so everyone is invited to bring something from your collection to share with the group. Volunteers to present programs next year are needed and welcome.
- StampFest is scheduled for August 17 & 18. Tom Minor is chairing the event and Ed Bayham will run the concessions. Both will need volunteers. Dennis O'Brien volunteered to help Tom Minor with the bourse duties.
- Socopex will take place on June 8 with the normal hours. Don't miss it.
- Dennis reported he has received 3 books, two hardcover, from Harmer-Schau for the international show in Stockholm. Anyone planning to attend is welcome to review them.
- Everyone should remember the next two meetings will be held at Tropicana Bowl since the school will be closed for the summer.

Auction: Gene and Gary conducted the auction, which again contained a few higher value items.

Program: Tom Minor gave a program on "Cute Critters", which turned out to be various labels and Cinderellas showing animals. Some of them were, indeed, cute.

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on June 24, 2019

Present: Larry Reutter, Gene Stewart, Tom Minor, Stephen Price, Pat Morgan, Mimi White, Ken Grothoff, Tom DeGroot, Secretary Phil Schorr, Norb Wright, Paul Hicks, Vice President Ed Bayham, Marcus Meyerotto, Lesa Morgan, Bill Raible, Dan Lindsay, Dennis O'Brien, Jerry Schultz, Nathan Esbeck and daughter

Vice President Ed Bayham called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes: The May meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Pat and a second by Gene.

Drawings: Jerry Schultz won the 50/50 cash prize [\$7.50] drawing, but he donated his winnings to the club. Thanks, Jerry. The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future StampFest was won by Phil Schorr.

Treasurer report:

- Gary was not in attendance. Ed Bayham reminded that the previous balance was around \$18,000.

Announcements:

- Ed Bayham reminded everyone the program for July will be preparing the mailings for StampFest. We should all come prepared to get them ready.
- StampFest is scheduled for August 17 & 18. Next month there will be volunteer sign-up sheets for handling all the duties needed to make StampFest work. Set up will be Friday the 16th at 5:30 p.m.
- Socopex will take place on July 13 with the normal hours. Don't miss it.
- The St. Charles Coin and Stamp show will be July 18-20 at the St. Charles Convention Center. Dennis mentioned that there will be a stamp show in Cincinnati this coming weekend.
- Jerry Schultz will be handling the auction for StampFest and Ken Grothoff will be doing the same for the AuctionBux auction at the November meeting. If you have anything you would like to donate for one of these auctions, please try to get it to them before the auction dates.
- Ed reported that the Parkway Schools have essentially doubled the rent they charge us for using their rooms for the 2019-2020 school year. If anyone has a suggestion for alternate meeting space, please let one of the officers know.
- Ed mentioned there will be a course on Seaposts on July 25, just prior to Americover, which will be held July 26-28 at the usual show hotel.

Program: The program was a Show and Tell, with about half those in attendance sharing one aspect of their collection with the group. The high point was when Lesa told everyone about her collection of accordions on stamps, shared that she decided to take accordion lessons as a result, then brought out her accordion and played for us.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on July 22, 2019

Present: President Guy Gasser, Treasurer Gary Hendren, Larry Reutter, Secretary Phil Schorr, Gene Stewart, Pat Morgan, Lesa Morgan, Mimi White, Norb Wright, Ken Grothoff, Dennis O'Brien, Katrina Whitaker, Frank Kollinger, Vice President Ed Bayham, Paul Hicks, Tom Minor, David Mahsman.

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Drawings: Ed Bayham won the 50/50 cash prize [\$8.00] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won by Ken Grothoff.

Minutes: The June meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Pat and a second by Paul

Treasurer report:

-Gary reported the grand total of our funds is \$17,697.76. Our total continues to decline.

Announcements:

- Ken Grothoff asked that anyone planning to donate items for the Auctionbox auction should do it soon so he has time to get everything organized. Last year many items were donated the night of the auction, making it very difficult to keep track of everything.
- Americover, the annual first day cover show, will take place July 26-29 at the usual show hotel.
- Ed Bayham reported that the APS program on Seaposts, scheduled right before Americover, has been postponed and will be held later in the year in Milwaukee.
- Stampfest is scheduled for August 17 & 18. Volunteer sign-up sheets for working at the show, plus set up and take down, as well as food you will bring on Saturday for the dinner, are available tonight. Set up will be Friday the 16th at 5:30 p.m. 16 dealers have reserved tables.
- Socopex will take place on August 10 with the normal hours. Don't miss it.
- Since the Parkway Schools have greatly increased the rent they charge us for our meeting room, we need to find a new location for our meetings. Guy appointed a relocation committee made up of Katrina Whitaker, Larry Reutter, and David Mahsman. They will work to find a new meeting place for us. Let them know if you have any suggestions.
- Guy covered the problem of our declining bank balance and the subsequent need for a dues increase. He asked that everyone come to the August meeting prepared to discuss the issue and arrive at a new dues structure.

Program: After a quick auction, everyone worked on folding, stuffing, addressing and stamping letters and post cards inviting collectors to attend Stampfest.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Minutes from General Membership meeting on August 26, 2019

Present: President Guy Gasser, Vice President Ed Bayham, Mimi White, Gene Stewart, Frank Kollinger, Bob Ogrodnik, David Mahsman, Lesa Morgan, Norb Wright, Katrina Whitaker, Ken Grothoff, Paul Hicks, Joe Casey, Roger Grider, Secretary Phil Schorr, Don Amelung, Gary Toth, Dennis O'Brien, Tom Minor, Treasurer Gary Hendren, Nathan Esbeck, Jerry Schultz, Pat Morgan.

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Drawings: David Mahsman won the 50/50 cash prize [\$9.00] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future StampFest was won by Gene Stewart.

Minutes: The June meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Gene and a second by Pat.

Treasurer report:

-Gary reported StampFest appears to have been profitable, with 16 dealers paying for tables, \$192 from the 10 cent table, and about \$175 as our commission from the auction. There are still loose ends to wrap up from StampFest before a final result can be reported.

Announcements:

- Two new members were in attendance and welcomed. Joe Casey joined at StampFest and Don Amelung joined during the meeting.
- Phil reported we had two additional new members join the club during StampFest. They are Gary Denker and Ken Schafermeyer. We hope to see them at a future meeting. The four new members brings our total membership to 61.
- Ed Bayham reported all the programs for the rest of this year are filled, but we need to start filling the slots for next year. Why not give a presentation on your collection or interests? Contact Ed to choose your month.
- Tom Minor reported attendance for StampFest was down, with part of the reason probably being all the shows taking place within weeks of ours, including the AFDCS show. Tom thanked everyone who helped with the many duties of running the show.
- Guy led a discussion of ideas for improving attendance next year, including more targeted ads. He asked for everyone to send suggestions to him. He also presented the initial plan for increased dues for next year (\$15 per member and \$20 for a family membership). Two suggestions came from the members, one to not charge extra for a family membership and one to offer a \$5 discount for opting to receive the newsletter by email. The vote will take place next month.
- The Location Committee has been working on new locations for our meetings and for StampFest since it appears Parkway is not interested in keeping us. It was agreed we will keep the meetings on the 4th Monday. Additional info will be reported when things are decided.
- The September Socopex bourse will be on the 3rd Saturday in September, not the usual 2nd.

Program: Bob Ogrodnik gave an interesting presentation on the 1946 airmail set from Poland, the first issued after the war. Much of it was from Bob's award winning exhibit on this subject.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on September 23, 2019

Present: President Guy Gasser, Tom Minor, Frank Kollinger, Pat Morgan, Chad Payne, David Mahsman, Katrina Whitaker, Secretary Phil Schorr, Ken Gothoff, Dennis O'Brien, Lesa Morgan, and guest Harold Payne.

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Drawings: Katrina Whitaker won the 50/50 cash prize drawing. The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won by Lesa Morgan.

Minutes: The August meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by David and a second by Katrina.

Treasurer report:

- Gary was not in attendance, but Guy mentioned it appeared we had a modest profit from Stampfest this year.

Announcements:

- Guy noted that Chad Payne from Springfield, IL and his father were there.
- The location for future meetings had not been set by the time of this meeting, but it should be decided soon.
- Socopex will be on the fourth Saturday in October, then revert to its normal second Saturday after that.
- Guy thanked everyone who helped with Stampfest. He reported the Milwaukee show was not well attended.
- Guy collected the ballots concerning the proposed changes in the Constitution and Bylaws and reminded everyone the final day for turning in ballots is October 28.
- Chad Payne invited everyone to attend the Springfield, IL show on October 27. As a matter of interest he asked each person in attendance to let him know what they collect.
- Guy passed around a Brasil #1 he recently obtained.
- David said he will be in China from October to February.

Auction: Guy lead a quick auction of items from members.

Program: Pat Morgan presented a program on the First Day Covers and other covers with cachets by Miss Verna Mann. Pat and Lesa have done considerable research trying to learn more about her life and why she started producing cachets. While they found much information about her, much about her life remains a mystery.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on October 28, 2019

Present: President Guy Gasser, Tom Minor, Frank Kollinger, Pat Morgan, Katrina Whitaker, Gene Stewart, Secretary Phil Schorr, Ken Grothoff, Dennis O'Brien, Lesa Morgan, Roger Grider, Treasurer Gary Hendren, Paul Hicks, Mimi White, Norb Wright, Bill Raible, Vice President Ed Bayham, Larry Reutter, Jerry Schultz, and guest Douglas Riebe.

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Drawings: Phil Schorr won the 50/50 cash prize drawing (\$9.00). The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future StampFest was won by guest Douglas Riebe.

Minutes: The August meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Gene and a second by Paul.

Treasurer report:

-Gary reported our total balance was \$20,166.18. He confirmed we did make a small profit from StampFest this year. A more complete report will come next month.

Announcements:

-Ed noted that the Christmas party this year will be December 12 at the usual time and place. Ed will handle the program himself, saying he will have a tough job living up to the effort from Mimi and Norb last year.

-Ken reported that he is about set with the Auction Bux auction for next month. We are overloaded with material from China, so adding a few different items would be good. He received a few items that evening that will help. If anyone has something they want to add to the auction, let Ken know now. Unexpected items coming on the night of the auction will be held over and included in the auction next year.

-Guy welcomed everyone to our new, permanent meeting location. The facilities and price are very favorable.

-Socopex will be back to the second Saturday in November.

-Guy recognized a visitor, Douglas Riebe, who won the attendance prize. That is probably a first, having a visitor win the prize.

-Guy reported on the result of the voting on changes to member dues. The increase to \$15 for annual dues, the change to have no additional charge for family members, and the option of \$10 dues for those opting to receive their newsletter by email rather than hard copy, all passed easily and will go into effect for 2020. Those who have already paid their dues for 2020 will not be asked to make up the difference between the old dues level and the new one. Dues notices will go out with the November newsletter.

-Elections for President and Treasurer were held. Guy was reelected as President and Gary as Treasurer with no opposition and a unanimous vote.

Philatelic Jeopardy: Guy conducted the annual contest, with everyone having a great time. Competition was intense, with Gary's team coming out on top.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on November 25, 2019

Present: President Guy Gasser, Treasurer Gary Hendren, Frank Kollinger, Gene Stewart, Tom Minor, Katrina Whitaker, Pat Morgan, Larry Reutter, Lesa Morgan, Roger Grider, Paul Hicks, Secretary Phil Schorr, Jerry Schultz, Bill Raible, and VicePresident Ed Bayham.

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Drawings: Paul Hicks won the 50/50 cash prize drawing (\$7.50). The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won by Pat Morgan.

Minutes: The September meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Gene and a second by Pat. It was noted that the Secretary has finally learned how to do them properly.

Treasurer report:

- There was no Treasurer's report this month.

Secretary report:

- Phil noted the new white board in the room and the availability of a screen, if needed.

VP report:

- Ed reported 3 people have volunteered to give programs in 2020. More members need to step up and volunteer to give programs to fill all the monthly spots for next year. He also asked for any suggestions for games for the Christmas party next month.

Announcements:

- Guy noted that the Chicago show held recently was not as well attended as in years past. There didn't appear to be any obvious reason why this happened.
- Gene noted that Socopex would be back on the usual second Saturday in December.

AuctionBux Auction:

The auction went well, although there was a surfeit of stamps from China. The final lot, a completed, framed jigsaw puzzle of a large number of stamps saw the highest, most competitive bidding of the night. Although he was out of town, Dennis O'Brien won four lots and was awarded an additional lot by a unanimous vote of those in attendance. The auction actually ended before 10:00 pm.