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# Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership Meeting on March 23, 2015, at Parkway Central High School

Present: Guy Gasser, Frank Kollinger, Gene Stewart, Gary Hendren, Sieg Stange, Katrina Whitaker, Phil Schorr, Dan Baugher, Tom Minor, Dave Marsh, John Deutch, Roger Grider, Norb Wright, Larry Reutter, Marcus Meyerotto, Alan Barasch, David Duke, Sheila Hatala

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 PM.

There were no past minutes to approve as they have not been recorded recently. There was a call for a volunteer to record Minutes. Alan Barasch will post a copy on the club's web site and provide hard copies at club meetings. Further discussion about offering Auction Buxs to the person (or people) who maintain minutes. This person will not be an officer, but a general member who reported to the Secretary.

Financial report.

- No financial transactions occurred during February.
  - Gary Hendren forgot the written notes, but stated that the previous balance in the bank account is \$9,969.78.
  - The income from the auction is approximately \$400.00. Current balance is \$10,369.78. There was a question from the membership regarding investments. We have a Certificate of Deposit with Lindell Bank and Trust valued at \$12,000 currently drawing .3% interest.

Committees.

- Stampfest
  - Tom Minor is Chairman of Stampfest 2015, currently scheduled for 29-30 August, 2015, pending availability of the school. Gary Hendren will check with the school and report back.
  - Stampfest Volunteers will be needed, this discussion will be had after Expo.
  - Jeanette Grider has agreed to do the press releases and printed advertising.
- Library Committee
  - The Committee consists of Bob Hansen, Marty White, and Mimi White. None present at this meeting.
  - Library needs an accessible location for at least 800 titles.
- Auction Bux
  - New members will be given an Auction Bux sheet to fill out. Gene Stewart will cover this after the meeting with them.

Introduction of new members.

- Sheila Hatala, brand new collector
- David Duke, 30 year collector

Expo.

- Volunteers:
  - Scott Ward, head of the youth program, needs at least 2 helpers Thursday afternoon with Youth Room set up, 1pm-5pm. He also needs help on Friday from 9:00 am-12:30 pm with the school field trip tour.

- Boy Scout Merit Badge: Gary Hendren says we have enough volunteers. He gives free show entry and lunch to anyone who will help out.
- Hallway table for GMCSC. Primarily at open, lunch and close, but anytime that the show is open, 11-6, 10-6, 10-4, and members are encouraged to sit, talk to people, and give out a flyer.

#### By-Laws.

- No discussion. Tabled until April meeting.

#### Breakfast Club.

- Reminder that the Breakfast Club meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, 8:30 am at Hillary's Roadhouse, 11488 Dorsett Road. Encouraged feedback for involvement at this meeting as it is rather small.

#### New Business.

- Should we hold the auction at the beginning of the meeting or at the end of the meeting? Further question of where material comes from for the auction. Some dealers submit items, the club has a collection items are pulled from, and members are welcome to place items for bid. The Club does not take a fee/commission from the sales at the regular club meetings. The seller receives 100% of the hammer price.
- Question as to who maintains the collection? Gary Hendren has a large amount of donated items; Dan Baugher has the 5 cent boxes and the Monsanto Club Circuit Books.
- Fenton Auction does take 15% of the selling price for the club. Gary Hendren has the Fenton Auction bid sheets for placing an item up for bid.
- Alan Barasch will post the GMCSC Auction sheet on the website so members can print it off and have their lots ready for the next meeting. The auction sheet is being revised.
- We have a new venue for the months of June and July. The meeting will be held in the basement at Tropicana Lanes, 7960 Clayton Rd., Richmond Heights, MO 63117.
- The venue has full amenities, no financial restrictions so auctions and 50/50 can proceed as usual. We will have the room from 7:00 pm until whenever the meeting is over for a flat \$100 fee. The school charges \$30 per month, but Gary will verify this. Gary will also see if there is a larger room in the school we can use, perhaps a bigger space will encourage more members to attend.

#### Old Business.

- Nancy's show is May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Heart of St Charles Banquet Center, 10-5, 9-4
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Show (Fentonpex) Stratford Inn, Fenton, MO. 10-4

The next meeting is 27 April 15 at Parkway Central High School

T.G. Rehkop is our speaker this evening.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Katrina L. Whitaker  
Vice-President, GMCSC

# Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership Meeting on April 27th, 2015, at Parkway Central High School

Present: Guy Gasser, Gary Hendren, Katrina Whitaker, Alan Barasch, Gene Stewart, Tom Minor, Sieg Stange, Norb Wright, Roger Grider, Wayne Youngblood, David Marsh, Phil Schorr, Frank Kollinger, Paul Miles, Alan Banks, Tom DeGroot and, and Sean Sunderlage.

The meeting was called to order at 8:03pm with 17 members (plus 1 new member) in attendance.

Minutes. The March 2015 minutes are on the club website but no paper copies are available tonight so they will be approved at the May meeting.

Finance report.

- Gary Hendren reported the Checking acct. balance on March 1st, 2015, was \$9,964.78.
- Income during March was \$606.75 (mostly dues).
- April month to date Income is \$300 (Fenton bourse auction + club cash)
- Expenses were \$185.
- Balance on March 31st was \$10,386.53.
- Balance as of tonight in the checking account is \$10,686.53.
- The club Savings acct. balance approximates \$12,000.

Committees.

- Stampfest.
  - The show dates for Stampfest are set for 29-30 August, 2015, in the gymnasium of Parkway Central HS.
  - Gary Hendren has emailed numerous dealers in the STL area plus Chicago and southern Illinois. Two dealers have indicated they will not be participating – Dave Semsrott and Denny Peoples. Gary has also mailed Contracts to 15-18 dealers and has 3 more to contact.

Library. Nothing to report.

Auction Bux. Gene Stewart referred to the design contest to be discussed under New Business.

Visitors. None

New Members.

- The club warmly welcomed Sean Sunderlage who collects Scandinavia + Dutch West Indies. Sean would like to hear from any member who has DWI stamps as some look drab and worthless but can be very expensive.
- Roger Grider signed up two new members at STL Stamp Expo, one being Bob Mahoney who is currently President of the Webster Groves Stamp Club. There was some jaw-jacking back and forth as to whether Roger qualifies to receive the whole 40 auction bux reward or has to split it with the vice president who apparently had a hand in the sign up!

Old Business.

- STL Stamp Expo, March 27-29. Guy Gasser mentioned that he became much more involved behind the scenes this year and learned much. He said the show was good with record attendance

on Friday and Saturday. Paid attendance for all 3 days was 692. The various seminars, Youth Room, and Boy Scout merit badge program were all well attended and successful. A Thank You to our members who helped with the many tasks.

- Our monthly meeting auctions – Guy Gasser asked for comments on how we can make our monthly meeting auctions more successful. Several members expressed concern on the length of our meetings and do we really need to end meetings by 9pm. Dave Marsh recommended we hold the auctions after the business portion and before the program to insure all attendees are here for the auction. Webster Grove Stamp Club holds their auctions before the program and they have been successful. Several members also recommended we start the meetings earlier, like 7:30pm. Gary Hendren then explained that his youth group meetings many years ago led to our current 8pm start time. Guy asked we give it more consideration and decide at May meeting.

New Business. Club Logo Contest. Guy Gasser asked each members to submit a design or sketch of a logo that best represents the club's focus/mission/history before we meet in May. There is no limit on entries per member, but each participating members will only receive \$50 auction bux. A winning logo will be chosen at our July meeting with the winner to receive an additional \$100 bux.

Attendance drawings. Gary Hendren won the 50/50 cash prize and Phil Schorr won the \$10 certificate good at our club's STAMPFEST later this summer.

Announcements.

- The St. Charles Spring Stamp & Postcard Show is this coming Friday and Saturday, May 1st & 2nd, at the Heart of St. Charles Banquet Center. There is no cost for admission.
- Gene Stewart's Stamp Bourse at Stratford Inn is Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, with an auction.
- One of our members informed us that he saw an obituary notice in the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* that active member Marty White passed away April 17. Our president will confirm and reach out to the family.

Program. Katrina introduced Frank Kollinger to speak to us on Ecuador. Frank provided much detail on the currency, customs, animals, plants, inhabitants, stamps in this South American country. His presentation included color slides as well as a power point slides. Frank's presentation was well received.

Auction. About 10 lots were laid out, but only one lot sold, a postcard. Less than 10 members remained for the auction.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh

# Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership Meeting on May 18th, 2015, at Parkway Central High School

Present: Guy Gasser, Gene Stewart, Sieg Stange, Katrina Whitaker, John Deutch, Roger Grider, Norb Wright, Larry Reutter, Dan Baugher, Robert Mahoney, Craig Smith, Sean Sunderlage, Wayne Youngblood, Nathan Esbeck, Mimi White.

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 PM.

March Minutes approved as read. Motion made by Gene Stewart and seconded by Larry Reutter; passed.

April Minutes were approved with the correction that Sean Sunderlage collects Danish West Indies, not Dutch West Indies. Motion made by Roger Grider, seconded by Katrina Whitaker; passed as amended.

Financial report.

- No Treasurer's Report as Gary Hendren was not present.

Committees.

- Stampfest
  - No report due to absence of Tom Minor, committee chair.
  - Reminder that all members of GMCSA and their spouse are welcome to the dinner.
  - Wayne Youngblood said that books from Betty Nettles' library will be available. A free will donation jar will be set up.
- Library Committee
  - Mimi White was present, reported to the President that the Mercantile Library might be interested in hosting the collection. Craig Smith will try to have more information on a location within one of the local public libraries.

Introduction of new members

- Robert "Bob" Mahoney, life-long collector, enjoys Lichtenstein and First Flight Covers as well as a multitude of other interests. He is the President of Webster Groves Stamp Club.
- Craig Smith.

Colin Hamilton, visitor.

New Business.

- Meeting Times.
  - Beginning in June our meetings will begin at 7:30 pm.
    - June and July we are at the Tropicana Lanes.
    - Space will open at 7 pm, meeting 7:30 until we are done with the evening's activities.
- Auction Changes.
  - The auction is shifting to a quarterly event. November is the Bux Auction, with regular auctions to be held in February, May and August.
  - Reminder that any club member may place items in the auction.

- The Auction will be held between the Business Meeting and the Presentation portions of the meeting.
- Discussion of lot descriptions being posted on line so they may be viewed prior to the meeting.
  
- Alan Barasch has informed the President that he will not seek re-election as Secretary for next year. Alan is also resigning as Newsletter Editor. The Editor does not need to be the Secretary. Any interested persons, please contact the president, Guy Gasser.

Old Business.

- Breakfast Club is June 8th, 2015, at Hilary's Roadhouse.
- 2nd Saturday Show (Fentonpex) Stratford Inn, Fenton, MO. 10-4

The next meeting is 7:30 pm, 22 June 15, at Tropicana Lanes.

Gene Stewart presented a workshop on perforation gauges and their use.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Katrina L. Whitaker  
Vice-President, GMCS

# Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership Meeting on June 22, 2015, at Tropicana Lanes

Present: Katrina Whitaker, Alan Barasch, Gene Stewart, Tom Minor, Roger Grider, David Marsh, Phil Schorr, Paul Miles, Tom DeGroot and Nate Esbeck.

The meeting was called to order at 7:38pm with 10 members in attendance.

May Minutes. Katrina briefly read thru each point in the May 2015 minutes which were then approved as read. Motion made by Roger Grider and seconded by Gene Stewart. The minutes will be on the club website for future reference.

Attendance drawings.

- Roger Grider won the 50/50 cash prize and Phil Schorr won the attendance drawing.

Finance report.

- Gary Hendren was not present so no report was issued.

Committees.

- Stampfest.

- The show dates for Stampfest are set for 29-30 August, 2015, in the gymnasium of Parkway Central HS. Friday afternoon/evening August 28 is set up for dealer tables and concession stand.

- Tom Minor reported there will be no exhibits and Gary Hendren now has 18 dealers under contract.

- Tom mentioned that Dave Marsh will assist with food purchases and sales at the concession stand.

- Tom passed around a list for members to begin signing up to work at various times during the 2 day show. At our July meeting, Tom will distribute post cards/stamps for members to mail encouraging messages to prospective attendees.

Library: Nothing to report.

Visitors: None

Announcements.

- Gene Stewart's next Stamp Bourse at Stratford Inn is Saturday, July 11, with an auction.

- A reminder that our July 27 meeting will be at Tropicana Lanes starting at 7:30pm. In August, we will return to our normal meeting location in Parkway Central HS.

New Business:

- Alan Barasch mentioned that 1st class postal rates will be reduced sometime in August to about 48 cents.

- Roger Grider will present at our July meeting on "How to Use the Scott Catalogs".

- Alan Barasch confirmed his intention not to run again for club Secretary and News Letter Editor/Publisher. He described the duties of both and asked all members to seriously consider running for both positions. Katrina mentioned the Secretary is an elected position and will be voted on during the Fall.



Old Business.

- Club Logo Contest.  
Guy Gasser said he has received 3 entries to date and encourages all members to make a serious effort to submit a creative entry. Plans are to pick a winning logo at our July meeting.
  
- Meeting Auctions:  
Katrina reminded us that the officers had decided in May to reduce the number of regular meeting auctions to 3 times a year. The reason given for this change was the lack of lots (1 or 2) being submitted each month, and a lack of participation in the auction by the members. Tom DeGroot and Dave Marsh questioned this decision as both of them normally submit 4-6 lots at each meeting auction. Both John Deutch and Gary have also been regular lot contributors. Katrina asked us to express our objections to this change to the officers for further consideration. She also wants the members to submit the countries that interest them so that lots of interest can be available for monthly bidding.

Presentation: Bob Ogradnick was scheduled to speak tonight on Poland but did not attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Dave Marsh

# Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership Meeting on July 27, 2015, at Tropicana Lanes

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Gene Stewart, Tom Minor, Roger Grider, David Marsh, Phil Schorr, Gary Hendren, Larry Reutter, Frank Kollinger, Marcus Meyerotto, Wayne Youngblood, John Deutch, Ken Grothoff, and Dan Baugher.

The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm with 15 members in attendance.

June Minutes: Katrina distributed the Minutes for consideration. A motion was made by Gene Stewart and seconded by Phil Schorr. The minutes were approved as written.

Attendance drawings: Gene Stewart won the 50/50 cash prize and Frank Kollinger won the attendance drawing.

Finance report:

- Gary Hendren reported our Checking account balance at June 1, 2015 was \$10,303. Deposits in June totaled \$1,788 [mostly from dealers] while June disbursements totaled \$502 [includes \$204 owed for Parkway Central accrued room rental]. The total balance at June 30, 2015 was \$11,589.
- July disbursements include postage purchased plus the annual insurance premium covering our club's library materials stored in Alan's basement.

Committees.

Stampfest.

- The show dates are Saturday & Sunday August 29 and 30, 2015, in the gym of Parkway Central.
- Gary Hendren has 19 dealers under contract. We are unsure if Damien Johnson will have a dealer table.
- Guy reminded us we still need volunteers to help in the concession stand, greet attendees and help with set-up [takes about 1 hour starting around 5:15pm Friday] as well as with clean up after the show closes Sunday. Plan our time to attend the show as well as volunteer.
- Guy thanked Jeanette Grider for her time and effort putting out media blasts advertising the show in print, on radio and TV – all at no cost to the club. Gary said show details are listed in Linns and APS.
- Katrina urged members to stay for the dinner Saturday night...Gary encouraged us to get to know the dealers personally so they can help us find difficult, desired stamps.
- Tom set out lists for members to sign up for work at various times during the 2 day show and indicate what food items they will bring for the Saturday dinner. BBQ meat is purchased and drinks will come from the concession stand. He distributed post cards and stamps in preparation for mailing to prospective attendees.
- Tom and Dave Marsh will consult with Gary and Dan Baugher for a smooth transition in running the concession stand.
- Gary already has about 40 lots for the Sunday afternoon auction and welcomes a few more. We should send him a description and minimum \$ bid by Monday, August 24, which is the latest for any lots we submit.

Visitors: None

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn is Saturday, August 8th. He is unsure if there will be an auction.
- A reminder that our August 24 meeting will start at 7:30pm at our normal meeting location in Parkway Central HS.

New Business: Guy passed around a letter received from Scott Ward thanking the club for our participation in making the Youth Room a success at Stamp Expo.

Old Business:

- Club Logo Contest: there were eight entries submitted for consideration with the winner requiring a 51% majority of the votes cast. After three ballots, the winner was Frank Kollinger's entry in a 9 – 6 tally. His logo included St. Louis, MO, the club's founding date, the Arch plus 2 "Missouri" standing bears. Frank wins \$100 auction box. Each entrant receives \$50 auction box. The President will ask the artists in the club to enhance the artistic layout and select colors for a final draft. A motion to destroy the ballots was approved.
- Meeting Auctions: Guy thanked members for submitting their desired lot content in order make the auctions more successful. Members would like to see more postal history, old Cinderella's, box lots, 19th and 20th century US and Canadian stamps, small sets, and country collections be offered. The auctions will be held every quarter with the next one at our August 24 meeting. Guy remains open for all ideas to improve these auction results.

Presentation: Roger Grider spoke extensively on "How to use various stamp catalogs" while stressing the wealth of important information contained in each catalog Introduction. Wayne & Gene helped answer specific questions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh

# Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on August 24, 2015, at Parkway Central High School

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Alan Barasch, Gene Stewart, Tom Minor, Roger Grider, David Marsh, Phil Schorr, Gary Hendren, Frank Kollinger, Marcus Meyerotto, Wayne Youngblood, John Deutch, Ken Grothoff, Dan Baugher, Mimi White, Paul Miles + wife, Norb Wright, Mark Bassett, Nate Esbeck.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm with 20 members in attendance.

July Minutes: Katrina distributed the Minutes for consideration and discussion. A motion was made by Alan Barasch and seconded by Gene Stewart. The minutes were approved as written.

Attendance drawings: Ken Grothoff won the 50/50 cash prize and Dave Marsh won the attendance drawing.

Finance report:

- Gary Hendren reported our Checking account balance has changed very little since July 31, with Deposits in August of \$175 (mostly from dealers) while August disbursements totaled \$106 (mostly to purchase postage to mail the Newsletter).

Committees.

Stampfest.

- The show dates are Saturday & Sunday August 29 and 30, 2015, in the gym of Parkway Central.
- Tom Minor is Chairman of Stampfest. He thanked all who have signed up to volunteer their time in the concession stand, welcome & greet attendees, set up the gym and clean up when the show ends Sunday. The gym should become available by 5:15pm Friday and set up should be complete by 7:00pm latest..

- Katrina is in charge of the dinner on Saturday evening. She again urged members (and spouses) to stay for the dinner and reminded the food volunteers to bring their own heating element if their side dish requires warming. She and Alan will pick up the BBQ meat and fried chicken around 4:00pm. Buns and drinks will come from the concession stand. We do not charge for the dinner.

- Tom mentioned we could use a few more volunteers and set out lists for members to sign up. Dave reviewed the list of food and eating utensils to be purchased. Gary will bring sufficient funds for the change box.

- Gary welcomed a few more lots for the Sunday afternoon auction (1:30pm) and wants to receive all lot descriptions and minimum bid amounts no later than Thursday, August 27. He expects over 100 lots by show time. Although 19 dealers had agreed to have tables, several have recently backed out and Gary is concerned that only 13-15 will show up.

Visitors: Katrina introduced Bob ? and Bill ? – 2 non-members who attended simply to dispose of a deceased friend's stamp collection in our meeting auction. No specific value was estimated and it sold for \$20.

Announcements:

- Guy and Alan mentioned the August APS Stamp Show held in Grand Rapids, MI, was a success and somewhat well attended. They also noted that both Gary Hendren and Scott Ward were honored to receive the highest awards for their Street Car and Parcel Post exhibits respectively.
- Guy informed us the two APS national shows in 2016 will be held in Portland, OR and Atlanta, GA. and we should make a serious effort to attend one of these shows.
- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn is Saturday, Sept.12th. An auction is scheduled.

New Business: None.

Meeting Auction:

-The scheduled auction began at 8:10pm with over 25 lots offered for sale. With much spirited bidding and lively descriptions provided by Guy, Gary, and Katrina, the auction concluded successfully at 8:35pm. Guy thanked members for submitting desirable lots and reminded us that members are most interested in postal history, old Cinderella's, box lots, 19th and 20th century US and Canadian stamps, small sets, and country collections. He asked if all agree to continue these auctions every quarter – Gene and Dave and others asked if we could try having them every other month and Guy agreed. The next auction will be at our October 26 meeting. Guy remains open for all suggestions.

Presentation: Mimi White led an informative presentation on the connection between "Stamps & Heroes during the American Revolution". She included updated issues in the presentation given originally in 2012 by her and her late husband Marty.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh

# Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on September 28, 2015, at Parkway Central High School

Present: Katrina Whitaker, Gene Stewart, Tom Minor, Roger Grider, Dave Marsh, Phil Schorr, Gary Hendren, Frank Kollinger, Marcus Meyerotto, Wayne Youngblood, Ken Grothoff, Mimi White, Norb Wright, Nate Esbeck, Mike Marian, Daniel Paule, Tom DeGroot.

Katrina called the meeting to order at 7:32pm with 17 members in attendance. Guy is traveling and unable to preside.

August Minutes: Katrina distributed the Minutes for consideration and discussion. A motion was made by Gary Hendren and seconded by Tom DeGroot. The minutes were approved as written.

Attendance drawings: Phil Schorr won the 50/50 cash prize and Mike Marian won the attendance drawing bucks.

Finance report:

- Gary Hendren has been overly busy tabulating income sources and expenses being paid out for Stampfest and promised to update us on the club's checking & savings accounts activity at the October meeting.

Committees.

Stampfest.

- Tom Minor thanked all who assisted with set up and clean up, concession stand and advertising. He said we were short of volunteers but did OK, especially with help from new member Bob Mahoney.  
- Gary expressed concern there were only 14 dealer tables but was pleased with estimated total attendance of 150 for the 2 days. He provided the following accounting details and was very pleased with the event's net profit of \$1,386.

INCOME = \$2,700 dealer fees, \$386 concession stand, \$291 Nettles Estate sales, \$150 auction commissions, \$72 stamps + cover sales....total income \$3,581.

EXPENSES = \$518 gym rental & custodian, \$505 security @ \$25/hour, \$275 table rental, \$238 concession food, \$280 BBQ meat, \$105 postcard postage, \$50 APS blasts, \$38 fried chicken, \$186 other.....total expenses \$2,195.

- Gary mentioned the auction on Sunday was wildly successful with 109 lots offered and 34 active bidders registered.

Visitors: None.

Announcements:

- Katrina reminded us the Breakfast Club continues to meet at 8:30am at Hilary's Roadhouse on the second Monday of each month. She encourages us to participate and enjoy the good food.  
- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn is Saturday, October 10. An auction is scheduled.

New Business:

- Katrina reminded us the election of new Officers at our November meeting, she asked for Nominating committee volunteers as Wayne and Larry are unable to handle this chore again. All 4

officer positions are open for selection and all club members are encouraged to seriously consider running for these 4 offices. Our current president, vice-president and treasurer are happy to stand for re-election and continue in their positions. The current secretary is resigning so that position must be filled along with the newsletter editor. After some prodding, Ken Grothoff and Mike Marian agreed to be the committee and will begin phoning prospective candidates in the coming weeks.

- Gary reminded us of the Auction Bux Sale scheduled for our November 23 meeting. He already has 58 lots plus 25 items [list was distributed] remaining from the Nettles Estate.

- Gary showed us several binders full of interesting US and foreign cancelled stamps that he is selling for \$5 each; donated by the Post Mark Collectors Club.

Meeting Auction:

- The next auction will be at our October 26 meeting. Try to give Gary your lot offerings in advance.

Program: Show & Tell night provided a diverse and interesting look at collection items owned by 10 of the members in attendance. Included were:

- Ken discussed/shared a 1930 MO hunting & fishing license that cost his grampa \$1.

- Wayne showed us and read a censored letter/cover post marked Santa Fe, NM, Sept. 13, 1944 from a soldier to his wife while he was working on the atomic bomb in the near by top secret Manhattan Project .

- Mimi displayed a framed ceremony program and FDC commemorating the magnificent STL Post Office in October 1982.

- Mike is working on a 1 page exhibit of "My Favorite Stamps" and has chosen 2 stamps issued in 2000 [8 cent Christmas] & 2001 [33 cent Century Cellular Phones].

- Phil is focused on completing his collection of Rose topical stamps and was missing only 3, each of which involves a remote Swiss hotel, are elusive and very rare. He recently purchased 1 of these "holy grail" stamps in a surprise eBay auction.

- Nate has assumed an interesting collection of WW2 era covers and contents that were gathered by his grampa while working at a John Deere plant producing equipment for the war effort.

- Gary managed to locate and save numerous Programs and memorabilia left by the very active Mound City Stamp Club before it merged into our current GMCSA.

- Katrina shared an unusual prepaid postcard cancelled in Manila, Philippines in 1945.

- Marcos passed around and discussed his European collection of WW2 era covers bearing inflationary rate postage.

- Gene showed us 2 unusual miniature US stamps that he discovered in a recent lot purchase.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh

## **ADDENDUM**

Minutes from General Membership meeting on September 28, 2015, at Parkway Central High School

### **Stampfest**

After a closer review of all expenses incurred by the club, Gary Hendren revised the final costs and provided the following details which reflect an adjusted net profit of \$1,410.

**INCOME** = \$2700 dealer fees, \$368 concession stand, \$150 auction commission on 109 lots, \$291 Nettles estate sales, \$72 stamps & covers sales.....there was no change in the total income of \$3,581

**EXPENSES** = \$518 gym rental & custodian, \$600 security, \$275 rented 46 tables, \$238 concession food, \$318 BBQ meat & fried chicken, \$222 other.....revised total expenses \$2,171.

The above figures were explained by Gary at the October 26, 2015 general membership meeting and will be presented for approval by members at the November 23 meeting.



# Greater Mound City Stamp Club

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Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Gene Stewart, Roger Grider, Dave Marsh, Phil Schorr, Gary Hendren, Frank Kollinger, Ken Grothoff, Daniel Paule, Tom DeGroot, Larry Reutter, Paul Miles, Mark Bassett.

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:39pm with 14 members in attendance.

September Minutes: Copies were not available at the meeting tonight so they will be approved at our November meeting. Since some of the figures from Stampfest appearing in the September minutes have now been revised, an Addendum to those minutes will be issued for separate approval.

Attendance drawings: Gary Hendren won the 50/50 cash prize and Katrina Whitaker won the attendance drawing box.

Finance report:

- Gary mentioned the club's checking account balance at Sept. 1, 2015 was \$10,822. During September, deposits totaled \$2,602 and withdrawals totaled \$2,298 leaving a Sept. 30 balance in the account of \$11,126. Gary provided details of the numerous income and expense items, many of which were related to Stampfest activity.

Visitors: None

Announcements:

- Guy reminded us the Breakfast Club continues to meet at 8:30am at Hilary's Roadhouse on the second Monday of each month. He encourages us to participate, bring an interesting philatelic item to discuss and enjoy the good food.

- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn is Saturday, November 14 from 10am to 4pm. An auction is scheduled.

- The St. Charles Spring Stamp & Postcard Show will be held at the Heart of St. Charles Banquet Center on Friday 10-4 and on Saturday 9-4 .....October 30 & 31.

New Business:

- Guy reminded us the election of new officers occurs at our November meeting. Representing the Nominating Committee, Ken Grothoff said both he and Mike Marian have contacted all members who may be interested in running for office. No one has volunteered so Guy opened the floor for nominations and placed the names of 3 current officers into nomination [except for Alan Barasch who is resigning as Secretary]. Katrina nominated Dave Marsh for Secretary. Dave and the 3 current officers agreed to run for the respective positions and they will appear on the November ballot. Alan is also stepping down as Newsletter writer and Phil Schorr has agreed to accept that task. Alan will need to spend time mentoring both Dave and Phil so we have a smooth transition. Gene Stewart will continue to handle the attendance records and boxes banking process.

- Katrina will again plan and MC the Christmas party & dinner at Syberg's on Dorsett on Thursday, December 3. She urged us to dress comfortably, bring our spouses, relatives, and friends to enjoy

the games, camaraderie, and buffet dinner. After a meeting and concurrence with all the club officers, Guy reduced the dinner ticket price to \$10 per person [was \$15 in prior years] which still includes 1 free drink ticket. Katrina welcomes all ideas and concerns we may have. Drinks & hors d'oeuvres start at 6:30pm and the evening should conclude around 9:30pm. New club officers will be introduced. We should let Gary know ASAP if we will attend and pay him either at our November meeting or at the door on Dec. 3.

**Meeting Auction:**

- Numerous lots were offered including publications remaining from Betty Nettles' estate. Guy handled the bidding which started at 8:05pm and finished at 8:52pm.

**Program:**

- Tonight we had scheduled Philatelic Jeopardy. Since the meeting auction ran almost 50 minutes and with some members already headed back home, it was agreed to hold Philatelic Jeopardy at our Nov. 23 meeting prior to the Auction Bux Sale. Guy urged us to arrive early to view the auction bux items.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh