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Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on January 23, 2017 at Parkway Central Middle School

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Gary Hendren, Roger Grider, Dave Marsh, Norb Wright, Larry Reutter, Mimi White, Mark Bassett, Tom DeGroot, John Deutch, Frank Kollinger, Tom Minor, Paul Miles, Alan Banks, Sieg Stange, Ken Grothoff, Marcus Meyerotto, Nathan Esbeck.

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:36pm with 19 members in attendance. Gene will bring the 2017 auction box attendance sheets to our next meeting.

Minutes: A motion was made by Katrina to approve the November Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mark and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

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

Guests/Visitors: Guy introduced our new member Rick McCoy who mentioned his focus is on fancy cancels.

Treasurer report:

- Gary provided complete updates on both the club's finances and Stampfest. At December 31, 2016, the checking account balance was \$9,973; 2 cash boxes contained \$300; the savings CDs still total \$12,390 for a grand total of \$22,663. These figures exclude \$405 we recently spent for a new laptop and Microsoft OFFICE. Guy encouraged us to download onto the laptop any philatelic materials and articles we believe are of interest to our members. Gary explained that Parkway HR recently tripled to \$90/night the rent we would incur in the High School room we had been using. So he negotiated a \$30/night rate on room 710 in the Middle School for our future monthly meetings. This prompted Norm to recommend we clarify soon the gym rental price we'll pay for Stampfest in August. The custodian gets \$25/hour.

Secretary report:

- Dave mentioned he is now collecting club dues for 2017. Submission deadline is March 31. He will remind Alan Barasch that Stampfest is scheduled for August 19 & 20, 2017

Vice President report:

- Katrina asked us to say a prayer for both Phil Schorr who had cataract surgery this morning and for Jerry Schultz who had a hip replaced today. She reviewed the list of presenters now committed for 2017 and urged any member to please offer to present in either June or July. She wants to have a firm/full agenda by February 28. She also requested volunteers to assist with a workshop at our May meeting.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn/Fenton is Saturday, February 11. An auction is scheduled. Gary will be traveling but Jerry Schultz should be well enough to cover.
- Guy reminded us the Breakfast Club meets at Hilary's Roadhouse on the 2nd Monday of each month. The next meeting is February 13.

Old Business:

- Guy has examined the club's LIBRARY and discarded most of the outdated catalogs. Phil Schorr has offered to be the club librarian and store the remaining material in his home. Volunteers will be needed to help move all the materials out of Alan's basement in March or April. Gary has 2 or 3 bank boxes of materials that should also be moved into our library.

New Business:

- -Gary showed us 21 album pages containing about 900 Japan stamps. He sold all of them tonight for \$2 per page. Proceeds of \$42 go to the club.
- -Guy reminded us that Stamp Expo will take place March 31 thru April 2 at the airport Renaissance Hotel. Volunteers will again be needed to assist with the youth room, the Boy Scouts merit badge course, the club's front desk, etc.

Club Auction:

- Guy conducted the bidding with 7 or 8 lots being sold during 9 minutes of spirited bidding. The next club auction will take place at our March meeting.

Program:

- -Norb began his PowerPoint presentation at 8:23pm on **The Shanghai Overprints**. He explained the brief history and usage of these stamps and showed us many examples. They were first issued by the U.S. Postal Agency in China and placed on sale in Shanghai in 1919. They were valid only for mail moving from China to the USA. The local post office closed in 1922. Norb and Katrina clarified the difference between an overprint and a surcharge. The \$1 and \$2 overprints [K17 & K18] are very pricy. Only 18 stamps exist in the series. Counterfeits are not known to be prevalent.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on February 27, 2017 at Tropicana Lanes

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Gary Hendren, Roger Grider, Dave Marsh, Norb Wright, Mimi White, Tom DeGroot, Tom Minor, Marcus Meyerotto, Gene Stewart, Phil Schorr.

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:52pm with 12 members in attendance. Prospective member Steve Moiles was hoping to attend tonight but did not arrive.

The reason for being at Tropicana Lanes is we were unable to obtain a reasonably priced liability insurance policy that Parkway Schools decided to enforce just days before this scheduled club meeting. Gene brought the 2017 attendance sheets for members to keep track of their monthly earned auction bux.

Minutes: A motion was made by Katrina to approve the January Minutes. The motion was seconded by Roger and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Drawings: Norb **again** won the 50/50 cash prize [\$6.00] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 certificate for use at a future Stampfest was **also** won by Norb. There was some grumbling among the unhappy attendees.

Guests/Visitors: None

Treasurer report:

- Gary provided complete details on the club's finances and the Christmas Party. At January 1, 2017, the checking account balance was \$9,717; January income of \$367 included Christmas Dinner receipts of \$255 plus 2017 dues and cash from sale of the Japanese collection. January expenses were \$468 for the club's new lap top. This left our checking balance at \$9,616 at January 31. The Fenton & GMC cash boxes total \$405.; the savings CDs still total \$12,390 for a grand total of \$22,411. It was noted the Christmas Party in December cost a total of \$1,076 [dinner, bar, gifts, programs, stamps].

Secretary report:

- Dave thanked members who have paid their 2017 dues. 5 members paid tonight leaving 7 still not renewed. Guy asked to identify those unpaid so follow up can be considered. All 7 attended one or no meetings in 2016. Guy will contact Dave Benish re his alleged dues free status. Dues submission deadline is April 1.

Vice President report:

- Due to a mix-up, Katrina mentioned our program tonight is a CD video we borrowed from the APS library. She again urged any member to conduct a program so Tom Minor agreed to present in May and Gene Stewart will present in July.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn/Fenton is Saturday, March 11. An auction is scheduled.
- Guy reminded us the Breakfast Club meets at Hilary's Roadhouse on the 2nd Monday of each month. The next meeting is March 13.

Old Business:

- Guy thanked Phil Schorr for offering to be club librarian and store all the publications in his home. Volunteers will help move the materials out of Alan's and Gary's basements in April after Stamp Expo.

New Business:

- Guy and Katrina discussed Stamp Expo to run March 31 thru April 2 at the airport Renaissance Hotel. Volunteers will again be needed to assist Scott Ward and Bob Mahoney with the youth room and leading kids thru the exhibit stations. Gary will learn how many Boy Scouts will attend the merit badge class and assign volunteers. The club will again host an information table in the hotel lobby.
- March 1 is the deadline for submitting ballots to Linn's voting on the best & worst US stamps issued during 2016. Each attendee completed a ballot that will be mailed to Linn's by the Secretary.
- Guy and Gary discussed the liability insurance issue we are trying to resolve with Parkway School District. It appears we have been in violation of Parkway's policy which had not been enforced until now. Waivers signed by our members are not an acceptable solution. Gary has received annual premium quotes of \$500 and \$266 and continues his search for a lower cost. His agent was unable to provide a rush Rider so we met tonight at Tropicana Lanes. Our intent is to remain at Parkway Central Middle School and use their gym for Stampfest.

Club Auction:

- The next club auction will take place at our March meeting.

Program:

- Katrina was prepared to lead a CD video covering "The Doctoring of Postage Stamps – Philatelists Beware" however we were unable to engage the volume and had to postpone the presentation to a future meeting.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

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

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Gary Hendren, Roger Grider, Dave Marsh, Norb Wright, Tom DeGroot, Tom Minor, Gene Stewart, Phil Schorr, Ken Grothoff, Alan Banks, Rick McCoy, Sieg Stang, Jerry Schultz, Mark Bassett, Paul Miles.

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:31pm with 17 members in attendance.

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

Drawings: Tom DeGroot won the 50/50 cash prize [\$7.00] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won by Ken.

Guests/Visitors: None

Treasurer report:

- Gary provided complete details on the club's finances. At February 1, 2017, the checking account balance was \$9,616; February income of \$177 was mostly 2017 dues. February expenses were \$226 for Newsletter supplies and Tropicana Lanes rental. This left our checking balance at \$9,597 at February 28. The Fenton & GMC cash boxes total remained \$405.; the savings CDs still total \$12,390 leaving a grand total of \$22,362 at end February.

Secretary report:

- Dave thanked Ken for alerting us of the passing March 22 of long time member Hollis Sisk. Dave will mail a sympathy card to his daughter Mary on the club's behalf. 5 members have not renewed dues for 2017 and will not receive monthly Newsletters after April 1. Guy will contact Dave Benish to clarify his alleged dues free status. Dave passed around work sign-up sheets for Stamp Expo and Guy urged members to man the club's information table where we will have lists of remaining 2017 club Programs plus names of members not yet renewed for 2017 plus Member Information forms for prospective members to complete.

Vice President report:

- Katrina thanked our members who have volunteered to present a Program during the remainder of 2017. She is already making plans for Stampfest and will ask for volunteers to handle the many chores in the coming months. Gary will speak with dealers at Stamp Expo to see if they plan to return for Stampfest in August.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn/Fenton is Saturday, April 8. An auction is scheduled.
- Guy reminded us the Breakfast Club meets at Hilary's Roadhouse on the 2nd Monday of each month. The next meeting is April 10.

Old Business:

- Phil hopes to arrange a firm date with Alan Barasch for moving all Library materials to Phil's home during April/May. A few volunteers will be needed.
- Guy said the liability insurance issue has now been resolved with Parkway School District. We have been in violation of Parkway's policy which had not been enforced until now. He shopped around for competitive quotes from brokers and accepted an annual premium of \$400 less 10% when we pay up front. Coverage of \$1 million for each incident and \$2 million general aggregate travels with us anywhere we meet or congregate as a club.
- Guy and Katrina discussed Stamp Expo and stressed this is an opportunity to bring in new members. Guy asked that we all spend time visiting the dealers. He also explained some organizational changes that were necessary as Regency-Superior is playing a minor role this year. Gene mentioned the committee is dealing with some growing pains and Mike Peter along with Wayne Youngblood have stepped in for David Kols who continues to battle health issues.

Club Auction:

- More than 20 lots were being offered. 15 sold to 5 bidders for a total of \$33. The bidding began at 8:12pm and ended 18 minutes later. The next club auction will take place at our May meeting.

Program:

- Katrina introduced Phil Schorr who shared with us his knowledge of Roses on stamps issued throughout the world. In 2007, Phil co-edited the 12th edition of Modern Roses and subsequently served for 7 years on the National Board of the American Rose Society. He estimates there are now over 37,000 varieties of roses grown worldwide. His love began when he planted 7 rose bushes at home. He circulated stamps and covers from his personal collection which includes covers from England, St. Lucia, Nova Scotia, San Marino, Colombia, Germany, Finland....many bearing either a Tudor or heraldic rose in the stamp design. Phil noted that 4 US states have a rose on their state stamp and Bulgaria is the leading producer of rose adder. After fielding many questions, Phil saw that he must plan a follow up presentation down the road.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on April 24, 2017
at Parkway Central Middle School

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Gary Hendren, Dave Marsh, Norb Wright, Tom Minor, Gene Stewart, Phil Schorr, Ken Grothoff, Jerry Schultz, Ed Bayham, Larry Reutter, Mike Marian, Frank Kollinger.

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:37pm with 14 members in attendance.

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

Drawings: Phil won the 50/50 cash prize [\$6.00] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 certificate for use at a future Stampfest was also won by Phil. Hmmm!

Guests/Visitors: Shafiq Khuhro said he has inherited a stamp collection and will consider joining our club

Treasurer report:

- Gary had many conflicts and will provide a complete financial update at our May meeting.

Secretary report:

- Dave updated our membership explaining we have dropped 5 members and added 3 new members to date in 2017. Ed Bayham mentioned his primary collecting interest is German states. Amanda Morgenstern and Rick McCoy are also well known in local philately circles.

Vice President report:

- Katrina has now booked meeting Programs thru end 2017 and has at least 2 committed for 2018. She is already making plans for Stampfest and will ask for volunteers to handle chores in the coming months. Tom Minor continues as Chairman. The firm dates are August 19 + 20. Katrina will get bugs out of our lap top and projector so educational DVDs can be played at club meetings.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn/Fenton is Saturday, May 13. 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 May 8.
- Guy shared a letter he received from Scot Ward thanking our members for helping in the Youth Room at Stamp Expo. Gary also thanked those who assisted him with the Boy Scouts Merit Badge program in which all but 1 boy achieved their badge.

Old Business:

- The club Library has been successfully moved to Phil's basement and the few volunteers who handled the move each earn 50 auction bux. We retained 2 sets of metal shelves and

about 25 boxes of material. Phil is in the process of examining the items and will provide an updated inventory in the coming months.

- Gary reminded us that he is handing over the task of preparing descriptions of lots being received for disposal at our Bux Auction held at a club meeting in November. We need a volunteer to assume these duties by our July meeting.

Club Auction:

- The next club auction will take place at our May 22 meeting. Lot description forms were distributed

Program:

-Katrina introduced Jerry Schultz who shared with us his knowledge and extensive collection of stamps, drawings, etchings, cancels, private labels, post cards, proofs and currency that was produced by perhaps the world's most renowned engraver, **Czeslaw Slania**. Born Oct. 21, 1921 in Poland, he graduated high school in 1934, was sent to a German work camp in 1939 where he helped almost 500 escape. In 1951, he produced his first engrave [his school's Dean] and no stamps from 1956, when he left Poland, thru 1960. Most of his stamps are Sweden [350] with Monaco the 2nd most prolific [200]. Jerry began collecting Slania's works in 1992 and had the honor of meeting him in 2000 in Chicago. Slania died in 2005, the year Jerry joined the Czeslaw Slania Study Group and actively communicates with members around the world.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh

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

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on June 26, 2017
at Tropicana Lanes in Clayton, MO

Present: Katrina Whitaker, Dave Marsh, Norb Wright, Tom Minor, Phil Schorr, Mark Bassett, Mimi White, Marcus Meyerotto, Gene Stewart, Nathen Esbeck, Paul Hicks, Ed Bayham

Katrina called the meeting to order at 7:36pm with 12 members in attendance. Guy was attending an out of town stamp show.

Minutes: A motion was made by Marcus to approve the May Minutes. The motion was seconded by Gene and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Drawings: Tom won the 50/50 cash prize [\$5] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won by Mark.

Guests/Visitors: Christina Esbeck

Treasurer report:

- Gary was traveling out of town and expects to provide a financial update at our July club meeting.

Secretary report:

- Dave asked if any attendees know member David Thompson or have his contact details. Mailings to him are being returned "addressee unknown" and his listed phone number is not a working number.

Vice President report:

- Katrina informed us that she will not run for re-election in November and encourages all of us to consider taking on the VP position. She has already scheduled meeting programs thru the first quarter of 2018.

Announcements:

- - Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn/Fenton is Saturday, July 8. An auction is scheduled. Future monthly bourses, starting August 12, will take place at Holiday Inn – South (SOCOPEX) located on Lindberg near Hwy 55.
- Katrina reminded us that our July meeting will be at Tropicana Lanes.
- Several members noted the club's new Facebook page is up and running and that all of us should log in and join as a Friend.

Old Business:

- Phil expects to finish organizing and listing all Library materials so it is available at our July meeting.

-Stampfest

Tom brought sign-up sheets for attendees to indicate dates & times they plan to work at Stampfest. There will be a high school football game that Friday night but he expects we can begin setting up in the gym around 5:15pm. Gary has 16 dealers under contract and knows we lost 2 or more dealers who chose to attend a large show in Wichita the previous weekend. We will have no exhibits again this year but the usual auction will take place on Sunday afternoon. We should inform Gary ASAP of any lots we members want to sell in the auction and bring them to the show. Dave will oversee the concession stand again and Katrina will make arrangements for the dinner on Saturday evening.

New Business:

-None to discuss.

Club Auction:

-The next auction will take place at our July 24 meeting. Lot description forms are always available from our Secretary.

Program:

-Katrina introduced Nathan Esbeck at 7:55pm. He presented on **Special Delivery Service** which started in October 1, 1885 at 555 US post offices. The delivery messengers were mostly teenage boys who were not postal employees. A 10 cent fee was added for first class delivery and regular stamps could be used to pay for special delivery. The US was the first country to offer this speedy service. Nate showed us numerous covers with back stamp markings although some post offices stopped applying any markings. The fees were claimed by either the post office city or by the first address city. Treaties had to be negotiated with individual countries to establish reciprocity which led to the rate being increased to 20 cents in 1923. Many countries, including Canada, Australia, Colombia, Cuba, Saudi Arabia, Bermuda, Swisse, HK, Israel, Germany etc. plus overseas Western Union offices carried a supply of US Special Delivery stamps to facilitate the service. The last US Special Delivery stamp was issued in 1971. Nate discussed many such covers, including one carried by Skata in Colombia and let us examine his binder of more than 100 such covers.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on July 24, 2017
at Tropicana Lanes in Clayton, MO

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Norb Wright, Mark Bassett, Mimi White, Marcus Meyerotto, Gene Stewart, Nathen Esbeck, Paul Hicks, Gary Hendren, Roger Grider, Frank Kollinger, Tom DeGroot, John Deutch, Larry Reutter, Jerry Schultz

Guy called the meeting to order at 8:29pm with 16 members in attendance. Prior to starting the formal meeting, members stuffed and stamped 450 envelopes along with 600 post cards for mailing to area wide collectors encouraging attendance at approaching Stampfest.

Minutes: Our Secretary is away on vacation, so the June meeting Minutes will be approved at our August meeting.

Drawings: Guy won the 50/50 cash prize [\$7] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won by Frank.

Guests/Visitors: Christina Esbeck

Treasurer report:

- Gary said there was no financial activity during June and the club's total funds of \$21,719 consist of \$8,943 checking + \$12,414 savings + \$362 in the 2 cash boxes.

Secretary report:

- Dave was away on vacation and returns at end July.

Vice President report:

- Katrina reminded us that Stampfest set up is Friday night, August 18 around 5:15pm in the Parkway Central HS gym. She said our monthly meetings will return in August to Parkway Central Middle School.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next monthly stamp bourse, starting August 12, will take place at Holiday Inn – South (SOCOPEX) located on Lindberg near Hwy 55. New hours are 9am to 3pm and there will be an auction.

Old Business:

- Stampfest – Tom brought sign-up sheets for attendees to indicate dates & times they plan to work at Stampfest. We will have no exhibits again this year but the usual auction will take place on Sunday afternoon. We should inform Gary no later than August 6 of any lots our members want to sell in the auction and bring them to the show.

New Business:

-Guy mentioned the officers have decided to award 40 auction bux per year to Permanent Committee Chairmen and 25 auction bux per year to Temporary Committee Chairmen. A person receives the extra bux for each committee they lead. The officers would be eligible for extra bux if they also lead a committee.

Members who stuffed envelopes for Stampfest earn 20 bux as Other Philatelic Activities.

Club Auction:

-There was a club auction with only 3 lots being sold. The next auction will take place at our September 25 meeting. Lot description forms are always available from our Secretary.

Program:

-Katrina introduced Gene Stewart who spoke eloquently about Liberia.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:38pm.

Submitted by Katrina Whitaker

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on August 28, 2017
at Parkway Central Middle School

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Norb Wright, Mark Bassett, Gene Stewart, Gary Hendren, Roger Grider, Frank Kollinger, Larry Reutter, Paul Miles, Mike Marian, Shafiq Khuhro, Phil Schorr, Dennis O'Brien, Dave Marsh, Ken Grothoff, Tom Minor

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:33pm with 17 members in attendance.

Minutes: The June meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Gene and a second by Phil. The July meeting Minutes were then approved following a motion by Roger and a second by Ken.

Drawings: Roger won the 50/50 cash prize [\$6] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 certificate for use at a future StampFest was won again by Frank.

Guests/Visitors: none

Treasurer report:

- Not all the figures for Stampfest are in so Gary reported briefly that Parkway Central charged us \$1087 which is a \$200-\$300 increase over 2016. This includes \$81 for 3 hours set up on Friday [?] plus \$520 for 20 hours @ \$26 of a custodian [?] plus \$425 for security of \$27 per hour for the weekend.
The show auction moved >100 lots on Sunday and netted the club \$269 [our 15% commission]. He reported that 8 of our monthly Attendance prize certificates were utilized with the dealers.
The July financial report shows Income during the month of \$121 less Disbursements of \$930 which left the July 31 checking balance at \$8,135. Our Savings CDs total \$12,414 and 2 cash boxes total \$262 which leaves the club's total funds down a little at \$20,911 on July 31.

Secretary report:

- Dave thanked by name those volunteers who gave so much of their time to make the food stand at Stampfest a success again. Dave needs help creating the new name badges and have Alan and Phil ready to deliver. The club agreed we should include an updated Member roster with the September Newsletter mailing.

Vice President report:

- Katrina thanked all who helped her serve the Saturday night supper at StampFest. She needs to plan the Christmas Holiday Party and make sure Syberg's has a room available on Thursday Dec. 7. The 2016 cost was \$900 which included \$130 for 1 alcoholic drink for each attendee.
Our September presenter has withdrawn so Katrina will make that program.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next monthly stamp bourse is Sept. 9 at Holiday Inn – South (SOCOPEX) located on Lindberg near Hwy 55. New hours are 9am to 3pm...there will be no auction.
- The Breakfast Club will meet Monday Sept. 11 at Hilary's Roadhouse at 8:30am.

Old Business:

- Our library inventory is now on the club's website and consists of 10 pages grouped by category. Gary requested we add each author's name to help with look up.
- StampFest – Tom thanked all who helped handle each of the many tasks. Guy mentioned that 167 attendees walked thru the door [154 in 2016] and completed a sign-up sheet. Roger suggested we seriously consider changing next year's Auction format to include Silent Auctions running all day with maybe 5 lots sold every hour....this has been successful for the Champaign/Urbana club.
- Guy again asked our members to visit the club's Facebook site and to share the page with all of our contacts. Our goal is to add more members and build up the club's membership.

New Business:

- Guy introduced our latest new member in attendance, Dennis O'Brien.
- Gary brought more bags of old club stuff that is available for sale to the attendees.

Club Auction:

- The next auction will take place at our September 25 meeting. Lot description forms are always available from our Secretary.

Program:

- Katrina introduced Paul Miles at 8:26pm and he shared with us his extensive collection of zeppelin covers along with a history of these airships as detailed in "The Giant Airship" published in 1980 by Douglas Botting and Time Life Books. Paul recounted the 1937 explosion of LC129 the Hindenburg while landing at Lakehurst, NJ. He discussed the 1929 flight of Graf Zeppelin that circled the globe in luxury and whose covers are very rare and sell for upwards of \$10,000 each. A must have for zeppelin collectors is Frost Publishing Company's "Special Airship Mail & Post Card" catalog.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on September 25, 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, Ken Grothoff, David Sullivan, John Deutch, Marcus Meyerotto, Joel Schwartz, Nathan Esbeck

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:36pm with 16 members in attendance.

Minutes: The August meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Phil and a second by Larry.

Drawings: Gary won the 50/50 cash prize [\$6] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won AGAIN by Roger.

Guests/Visitors: none

Treasurer report:

Gary provided financial figures for August when our checking balance was \$8,135 on the 1st. Major income included \$2,700 from Stampfest dealer table rent and \$1,269 gross from the show auction. Disbursements during August were \$2,249 which left the checking account balance at \$10,320 at August 31. Our CDs remain unchanged at \$12,421....they mature May 15, 2018 and earn only .25% pa. So we will search now for a higher/fairer return. The 2 cash boxes contain \$357 which leaves the club's total funds at \$23,098 at August 31. Income from Stampfest was \$3,297 [mostly from the 13dealer tables rent] and expenses totaled \$3,228 which left a questionable profit of \$69. We really need 15-16 dealers minimum to make a profit.

Secretary report:

- Dave noted that we all now have new name badges that include the club's new logo. He also thanked those who volunteered and worked in the food stand at Stampfest. Everyone should have received the updated member roster with the September Newsletter mailing. We now have 64 members.

Vice President report:

- Katrina is finalizing plans for the Christmas Holiday Party and is comparing rates and accommodations at both Syborgs and Orlando Gardens. The cost will remain \$ per person attending. She also again asked for volunteers to give a presentation in 2018.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next monthly stamp bourse is October 14 at Holiday Inn – South (SOCOPEX) located on Lindberg near Hwy 55. Hours are 9am to 3pm...there will be no auction.
- The Breakfast Club will meet Monday October 9 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. He also reminded us we'll play Philatelic Jeopardy in November.

Old Business:

- Stampfest – Guy revisited the attendance figures. Gary estimates that 167 attendees walked thru the door [154 in 2016] but only 127 submitted a sign-up slip. Some declined to fill out a slip so it was recommended we move registration outside the show hall and require all attendees to complete a sheet or pay \$5 entry fee. Of the 127, we know 14 came both days, there were 43 new attendees and 12 requested information on joining the club so Dave will mail an application to those folks. Guy expected the show to lose \$300 - \$500 red but will accept a loss expected now of <\$70>.
- It was noted that Stampfest in 2018 may conflict with shows in Wichita and Dayton.
- we need a member to volunteer to create lot descriptions and oversee the annual Auction Bux that consumes our November. Gary is stepping down. This is a huge task and provides 100 bux to whomever handles it.

New Business:

- Katrina introduced our latest new member in attendance, Joel Schwartz. Gary has completed Member applications from 2 others who joined the club at Stampfest.
- The Nominating Committee for officer elections in November consists of volunteers Larry Reutter and Dave Marsh. They will contact all members encouraging anyone interested to put their name in nomination. Of special interest is a candidate for Vice President since Katrina is not running for re-election. Installation of officers occurs at the December Christmas Party.

Club Auction:

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

Program:

- Katrina conducted tonight's presentation on "Stamp Collecting 101" which began at 8:17pm . She explained there is no right way to collect but we must use proper tools and make no permanent attachments when displaying our stamps. She provided a brief history of the origin of stamps going back to 1837-1840 when England issued the Penny Black followed by Brasil in 1843 and the US in 1847. Henry Archer invented a perf machine in 1850 which allowed Scott #25 to be the first US perforated stamp. She then described and showed pictures of a wide variety of stamps ranging from general issue to back of the book. We looked at difinitives, commemoratives, coil pairs, booklet panes, overprints versus surcharges, airmail, special delivery, postage due, newspaper [1865-1869], parcel post, perfins, etc. We discussed cancellation variations and post mark differences. She fielded all questions gracefully. Guy requested feedback since this is what she presents for the Boy Scouts merit badge session annually at Stamp Expo.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on October 23, 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

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:35pm with 13 members in attendance.

Minutes: The September meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Roger and a second by Paul.

Drawings: Paul won the 50/50 cash prize [\$5.50] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won AGAIN by Norb.

Guests/Visitors: none

Treasurer report:

Gary provided financial figures for September. Our checking account started the month at \$10,320 and added little income. Disbursements were \$1,031, mostly expenses related to Stampfest which left the checking account balance at \$9,327 on Sept. 30. Our CDs remain unchanged at \$12,421...we will search for a higher/fairer return than 0.25% when they mature in May 2018. The 2 cash boxes contain \$348 total which leaves the club's total funds at \$22,096 at September 30.

Secretary report:

- Dave mentioned that he and his wife are purchasing a home in Door County, Wisconsin and hope to move from St. Louis by the end of December.

Vice President report:

- Katrina is accepting funds [\$10 per person] from those planning to attend our Christmas Party. She reviewed the menu and reminds us that our free drinks can be ordered only from the waitress handling our event. Do not order drinks from Syborg's bar. Three members and spouses have already committed to attend.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next monthly stamp bourse is November 11 at Holiday Inn – South (SOCOPEX) from 9am to 3pm...there will be no more auctions although Gene says he may consider hourly silent auctions of 5-10 lots each with a focus on stamps. There will be no Christmas party as HI does not allow us to bring in food or drinks!
- The Breakfast Club will meet Monday November 13 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.

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. This is a huge task and provides 100 bux to whoever handles it. Gary has close to 80 lots already and asked that we give him lot descriptions by November 15 for any items we wish to donate. Bob Hansen's wife recently donated all of Bob's stamp supplies.
- 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.

New Business:

- The Nominating Committee chair, Larry Reutter said there are no volunteers to run for Vice President at the November elections. Dave also mentioned that he and his wife will be relocating to Door County, Wisconsin, possibly by the end of December so we will also need a new Secretary. Guy then opened the floor for nominations and offered 3 calls for each office. Guy agreed to be on the ballot for President...Gary agreed to be on the ballot for Treasurer...Dave agreed to be on the ballot for Secretary and stay in office until he leaves St. Louis at which time a special election will occur. The Vice President office will remain open until a volunteer steps forward.

Club Auction:

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

Program:

- Philatelic Jeopardy began at 8:13pm with 3 teams of 4 each competing for auction prizes of 100 bux for 1st place and 50 bux for 2nd place and 25 bux for 3rd place. Guy explained the rules to avoid controversy and a sporoted round one ended at 8:40pm. The Treasurer's team moved steadily forward thru the final round and won with \$560...after a monumental setback, the Vice President's team recovered and placed second with \$360...several key answers sunk the Secretary's team who finished third with just \$165.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh

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