

# Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting January 23, 2023

**Present:** Christina Esbeck, Philippa Esbeck, Gene Stewart, Secretary Phil Schorr, Nathan Esbeck, Lesa Morgan, Treasurer Pat Morgan, John Deutch, Frank Kollinger, Norb Wright, Dennis O'Brien, Larry Reutter, Roger Grider, Ed Bayham, President Guy Gasser, David Mahsman, Gary Liess, Tom Minor, Jerry Schultz, Richard Thies.

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

**Drawings:** Roger won the 50/50 cash prize drawing (\$10.00). The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future StampFest was won by Phil.

**Minutes:** The November meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Pat and second by David.

**Treasurer report:** Pat's Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$18,609.79. More detail is available on the club website as page 2 of these minutes.

**Secretary report:** Phil reported 52 of our 66 members have already paid their 2023 dues. He also reported that the club has purchased an electronic watermark detector for member use. He has the detector if anyone would like to try it out.

**VP report:** Katrina was out of town on business, so Guy reported that we still have four open months for members to present programs.

## **Announcements:**

- Guy stated we will need volunteers to help with Expo in March. The primary need will be for people to help set up the exhibit frames and mount exhibits on Thursday, as well as taking them down on Sunday. We also need people to help with the Kid's room and with the Registration desk and our club desk. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be available at the February meeting.
- In answer to a question, Guy stated the list of dealers for Expo is available on the Expo website at [stlouisstampexpo.com](http://stlouisstampexpo.com).
- Guy introduced a visitor – John Thake – who may join the club.
- Gary Liess asked about how to decide what items to submit for the monthly auction.
- Further discussion of the new watermark detector suggested that it might not be the first choice for U.S. stamps, but could do well for European stamps and possibly as a way to make cancels clearer if the various color filters are used.
- John Deutch requested a review of how to use the club website. Pat agreed to present a program on it at the May meeting.
- Jerry said he is looking into ways and locations to revive the Second Saturday bourse.

**Auction:** The monthly auction was conducted by David and Richard.

**Program:** Christina and Philippa presented the program and did a great job. Following the program, they invited everyone to enjoy the cookies that made and brought to the meeting.