



# Greater Mound City Stamp Club

APS Chapter #344  
Since 1952

*Mission: Encourage and promote the study of philately while fostering friendship and fraternity among philatelists.*

## Minutes from General Membership meeting August 28, 2023

**Present:** President Guy Gasser, Gary Hendren, Ed Pieper, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Lesa Morgan, Secretary Phil Schorr, Guest Barbara Barnes, Shelley Crossen, Bill Beeler, Gene Stewart, Roger Grider, Barb Horter, Noel Stasiak, Ron McVay, Dennis O'Brien, John Deutch, Alan Barasch, Tom Minor, Philippa Esbeck, Ed Bayham, Jerry Schultz, Norb Wright, Richard Thies, Carol Hesselbein, John Kendl, Dennis Ripplinger, Jeff LaPonsie, Dennis Bickel, Christina Esbeck, Frank Kollinger, Michael Karasick.

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

**Drawings:** Guy won the 50/50 for \$25.50. Phil won the attendance prize.

**Minutes:** The July meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Gene and second by Bill.

**Treasurer report:** Pat's Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$18,460.01 at the end of July. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

**Secretary report:** Phil reported that, due to new memberships related to StampFest, our membership has now grown to 72, well above the 50 or so just a few years ago.

**Vice President report:** Katrina thanked everyone who brought food for the Pot Luck. She introduced new members and prospective members John Kendl, Dennis Ripplinger, Jeff LaPonsie and Barbara Barnes. She reported that Christina won the Youth Champion of Champions competition at the Great American Stamp Show this year and was invited to be one of the speakers at the First Day of Issue ceremony during GASS. The Christmas party will be held on an early Thursday in December, with the precise date to be determined. She also invited everyone to commit to presenting a program in 2024.

### **Announcements:**

- Gene and Guy described our Philatelic Jeopardy program at the October meeting, including the result that the teams received AuctionBux to use in the big November club auction.
- Guy noted that the officers were all wearing new club shirts at this meeting. Due to the great financial condition of the club, including the proceeds from the sale of the large contributed collection, it has been decided these shirts will be made available to all club members, with the only cost being attending a meeting, signing the sheet to request a shirt, and indicating the shirt size needed.
- The OPEL+ lunch gatherings continue on the second Monday of each month. Why not attend and enjoy lunch and conversation with other members of the club?
- The club has bottles of watermark fluid available for our members at wholesale cost of \$17.

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

**Program:** Alan Barasch presented an interesting program on computers on stamps and their uses.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Phil Schorr, GMCSA Secretary