



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 September 25, 2023

Present: President Guy Gasser, Frank Kollinger, Gene Stewart, Gary Hendren, Larry Reutter, Secretary Phil Schorr, Tom Minor, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Bill Beeler, Carol Hesselbein, Jeff LaPonsie, Ron McVay, Ed Bayham, Dennis Ripplinger, Richard Thies, Noel Stasiak, Nathan Esbeck.

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

Drawings: Phil won the 50/50 for \$9.00. Richard won the attendance prize.

Minutes: The August meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Bill and second by Ed.

Treasurer report: The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$19,499.09 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 73, well above the 50 or so just a few years ago. He had to order additional name badge holders due to the membership growth.

Vice President report: Katrina had the new club shirts for those who ordered them last month. Club members should let her know if they want one. The Christmas party will be held in early December at Syberg's on Dorsett, as always. The exact date isn't firm yet. Programs for 2024 are needed. Let Katrina know what month you would like. The club is selling watermark fluid for the wholesale cost of \$17.00 per bottle.

Suggestions were made by members that "How do I do it?" meetings on such topics as watermarking, perf gauges, and so forth would be helpful. Since that works better with small groups, it probably wouldn't fit as a regular program, but we have considered having some special sessions with breakout groups to teach these subjects. We need to find a way to do this.

Announcements:

- The program for October is Philatelic Jeopardy, which takes a long time to complete, so there will be no auction next month.
- Guy reported a nominating committee is needed for officer elections. He is looking for volunteers.
- 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?

Auction: No auction this month due to lack of auction items.

Program: Ron McVay presented a program on the 90 cent stamps issued from the 1860s through the 1880s. He passed around examples of these stamps and pointed out the differences.

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

Phil Schorr, GMCSA Secretary