



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 January 29, 2024

Present: President Guy Gasser, Frank Kollinger, Christina Esbeck, Alan Banks, Tom Minor, Secretary Phil Schorr, Ed Pieper, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Michael Karasick, Dennis O'Brien, John Deutch, Ed Bayham, Barb Horter, David Mahsman, Bob Hessler, Jerry Schultz, Richard Thies, Nathan Esbeck

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

Drawings: Michael Karasick won the 50/50 for \$25.00. David Mahsman won the attendance prize.

Minutes: The October meeting Minutes were approved - motion by David and second by Ed P..

Treasurer report: The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$16,948.38 at the end of December. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary report: Phil mentioned the odd fact that almost all those who have yet to pay their dues have last names starting with the first half of the alphabet. Fewer than 15 are still unpaid.

Vice President report: Katrina introduced two new members – Bob Hessler and Alan Banks. Alan was a member in the past, but dropped out for a few years and now is back. The February and March meeting topics are being switched. February will now be a talk by Ed Bayham, while March will have the second half of the workshop on philatelic fundamentals.

Announcements:

- The next big philatelic event will be Expo in late March. Volunteers will be needed to make sure the show runs well, with sign-up sheets for volunteering available at the February club meeting.
- The AuctionBux forms are available. There have been a number of changes to the amount of Bux earned for various activities.
- The Linn's stamp popularity poll is now open. Forms are on the back table for members to complete.
- The Kirkwood CC building is scheduled to undergo renovation this year. The West Gym will be closed this summer, so we will have to decide whether to try to move StampFest to another site or cancel it for this year. The main entrance will also be closed so we will need to enter the building from the side entrance. Later in the year, our meeting room may also be closed and we will have to meet elsewhere. Tropicana Lanes and Michael K.'s office are possible locations. Stay tuned.
- The MSDA will hold two shows in St. Charles this year, one in early June and the other in October.
- Bill Raible and Jerry Schultz have moved their stamp shop. More info should arrive soon.

Program: Katrina presented a large amount of info on the basics of philately such as how to read a catalog, tools to use when working with stamps, and more. In March she will have a hands-on session

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Phil Schorr, GMCSA Secretary