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## 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



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## Minutes from General Membership meeting February 26, 2024

**Present:** Ron McVay, Larry Reutter, Alan Banks, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Ed Pieper, Secretary Phil Schorr, Gene Stewart, Norb Wright, Gary Hendren, Carol Hesselbein, Dennis O'Brien, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Roger Grider, Barb Horter, John Kendl, David Mahsman, Frank Kollinger, Michael Karasick, Dennis Ripplinger, Ed Bayham, Jerry Schultz, Richard Theis, Noel "Chief" Stasiak, Nathan Esbeck, Christina Esbeck.

President Katrina Whitaker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the absence of Guy Gasser.

**Drawings:** Ed Pieper won the 50/50 for \$22.50. Richard Thies won the attendance prize.

**Minutes:** The January meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Chief and second by Ed P.

**Treasurer report:** The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$16,521.80 at the end of January. More details are available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

**Secretary report:** Phil reported that we still have 11 members who have not paid their 2024 dues. He said the Linn's Stamp Poll forms are on the table in the back. If you haven't filled one out, now is the time. Finally, he said the volunteer forms for Expo are in the back. Please sign the forms for the activity and time you wish to volunteer. Volunteers are definitely needed to make the show a success.

**Vice President report:** Katrina reminded everyone there are still several months open for members to present a program. Please share your collection with all of us. Next month will be the second session of the Workshop on the basics of collecting. Please bring your own equipment (tongs, perf gauges, watermark trays, fluid, etc.) If we aren't able to cover everything during the March meeting, we may carry over into April so everyone has a chance to learn about the basics.

### **Announcements:**

- The next big philatelic event will be Expo on March 22-24. Volunteers will be needed to make sure the show runs well, with sign-up sheets for volunteering available on the table in the back. Please volunteer to help make Expo a success.
- We are still looking for a site for StampFest on August 10-11 since the Kirkwood CC gym will not be available this year. We have a couple of possibilities, but further information is needed.

**Auction:** David and Richard conducted the monthly auction with over 20 lots.

**Program:** Ed Bayham presented a program on the many uses of postcards and postal cards, including a rare postal card with the message side covered by a tear-off sheet. He pointed out that when we buy an envelope that has delivered a letter, the letter is often missing and we can't know what was said, while we can see the message on postcards.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Phil Schorr, GMCSA Secretary



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## Minutes from General Membership meeting March 25, 2024

**Present:** President Guy Gasser, Larry Reutter, Gene Stewart, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Bill Beeler, Barb Horter, Secretary Phil Schorr, Gary Hendren, Frank Kollinger, Carol Hesselbein, Bob Hessler, John Deutch, Roger Grider, Ron McVay, Tom Minor, David Mahsman, John Wemhoener, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Richard Thies, Chief Stasiak

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

**Drawings:** Bill Beeler won the 50/50 for \$22.50. John Wemhoener won the attendance prize.

**Minutes:** The February meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Chief and second by Bill B..

**Treasurer report:** The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$16,412.24 at the end of January. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

**Secretary report:** Phil reported that the April Opel+ meeting has been canceled since it fell on the same day as the solar eclipse. He stated that we have 2 new members – Tom Kinberg and John Wemhoener. We still have 9 members who haven't paid their dues and probably are dropping out. He read the list of names of the 9 and asked anyone who knows them to encourage them to send in their dues.

**Vice President report:** Katrina stated that the Workshop would continue at the April meeting. She reminded everyone there are still several months open for member programs, beginning with May.

### **Announcements:**

- Pat encouraged everyone to log into and check out the website and its new features. He plans to have a section where members can post their Want lists. There also will be a section listing any free giveaways, and he invited members to suggest other things that could be posted there.
- Speaking for the dealers, Ron thanked everyone who volunteered at Expo. It was a success.
- Guy said all the printed material for Expo was designed by Tom Minor. The total paid attendance was 430, up from last year, and trending up toward pre-Covid numbers. The unfortunate parking issues were the responsibility of the hotel and their new equipment. Expo 2025 will be March 21-23.
- Although the parking area for tonight was reduced, we were able to get to our regular meeting room by the usual route. As the work on the building ramps up, we may have to use an alternate entrance or move the meetings to another location. Guy will keep the membership updated as more info arrives.

**Auction:** David and Richard conducted the monthly auction..

**Program:** Katrina focused the workshop mostly on watermarks, although the various types of tongs were again illustrated, since we wanted everyone to use them during the watermark workshop. She illustrated some of the types of watermarks on U.S. stamps. Then U.S. stamps and watermark trays were distributed and the members attempted to locate the watermarks on the stamps.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Phil Schorr, GMCSA Secretary



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## Minutes from General Membership meeting April 22, 2024

**Present:** President Guy Gasser, Tom Minor, Gene Stewart, Frank Kollinger, Ed Pieper, Norb Wright, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Dennis Ripplinger, Barb Horter, Dennis O'Brien, Bill Beeler, Secretary Phil Schorr, David Mahsman, Ron McVay, Ed Bayham, Jerry Schultz, Richard Thies, Nathan Esbeck, Christina Esbeck, Philippa Esbeck.

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

**Drawings:** Katrina won the 50/50 for \$18.50. Guy won the attendance prize.

**Minutes:** The March meeting Minutes were approved - motion by David and second by Dennis.

**Treasurer report:** The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$15,963.78 at the end of March. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

**Secretary report:** Phil reported that those who didn't pay their dues for this year have been dropped. We currently have 70 paid members.

**Vice President report:** Katrina stated that we still need speakers for June through September. We may have a Show & Tell for one of those meetings. Tom and Christina volunteered to give a program for one of those months. She also reported there has been little progress in finding a location for StampFest this August. We may have to cancel it for this year.

### **Announcements:**

- Guy gave Dennis Ripplinger his membership pin as a newer member.
- Due to the work being done on the Kirkwood CC, it will be virtually day by day on whether we can use our meeting room. Guy was pleased everyone found a place to park and got to the meeting room. It was noted that the map in the Perf-Dispatch was helpful. Be watching your email each month to see where the monthly meetings will take place.
- The venue for StampFest continues to be an issue. So far the available rooms in the area were either too small or not available for the entire weekend. The search will continue, but time is getting short.

**Auction:** David and Richard conducted the monthly auction..

**Program:** Katrina focused the workshop mostly on ways to protect and store philatelic material. She covered the various types of albums that are available, stock books, stock sheets, and all the other available methods for safely storing your stamps. She also reiterated her previous information on the types of tongs to use with each of the storage methods.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Phil Schorr, GMCSA Secretary



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## Minutes from General Membership meeting May 20, 2024

**Present:** President Guy Gasser, Secretary Phil Schorr, Dennis Bickel, Gene Stewart, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Ed Pieper, Barb Horter, Dennis Ripplinger, Tom Minor, Carol Hesselbein, Dennis O'Brien, Norb Wright, Frank Kollinger, David Mahsman

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

**Drawings:** Guy won the 50/50 for \$14.00. Dennis O'Brien won the attendance prize.

**Minutes:** The April meeting Minutes were approved - motion by David and second by Barb.

**Treasurer report:** The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$15,840.34 at the end of April. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

**Secretary report:** Phil reported that membership is now stable at 70 members. If StampFest is missed this year we will lose the bump in membership that always happens at that show.

**Vice President report:** Katrina discussed the issues surrounding the difficulty with finding a location for StampFest for this year. One suggestion was to still hold a club potluck dinner if the show doesn't happen.

### **Announcements:**

- It appears the concern about having electricity and water during the coming months will not be an issue until they begin redoing the meeting room level of the Kirkwood CC.
- The venue for StampFest continues to be an issue. So far the available rooms in the area were either too small or not available for the entire weekend. The search will continue, but time is getting short. If anyone has any suggestions for a location, please contact Guy.
- The first MSDA stamp show in St. Louis will take place June 1 and 2. Why not check it out?

**Auction:** No auction was held this month.

**Program:** David presented a fun program concerning how and when some of our members began stamp collecting. It was an enjoyable time for everyone to reminisce about their younger days and see some of the albums used and advertising from companies offering stamps for 10 cents or bags of stamps for a low price. David had enough material that it was agreed he would cover the rest of his material at a future meeting. If you haven't yet shared your philatelic beginnings with David, why not contact him and add your info to the story? We would love to see it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Phil Schorr, GMCSA Secretary





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## Minutes from General Membership meeting June 24, 2024

**Present:** President Guy Gasser, Tom Minor, Larry Reutter, Barb Horter, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Lesa Morgan, Secretary Phil Schorr, Gary Hendren, Frank Kollinger, Ron McVay, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Gene Stewart, Roger Grider, Norb Wright, Carol Hesselbein, Sheryl Rose, Max Wild, Patti Dickherber, Bob Dickherber, Richard Thies, Chief Stasiak

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

**Drawings:** Patti won the 50/50 for \$20.50. Katrina won the attendance prize.

**Minutes:** The May meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Chief and second by Gary..

**Treasurer report:** The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$15,883.45 at the end of May. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

**Secretary report:** Phil called attention to the results of the Linn's Stamp Poll in the Perf-Dispatch. He also reported that membership is now at 71 members.

**Vice President report:** Katrina introduced our newest member, Max Wild, and welcomed Cheryl Rose to her first live meeting. The location for the pot luck this year will depend upon whether the club can hold StampFest. All the program slots for the rest of 2024 are now filled and the first program for 2025 is scheduled. Volunteer to present a program while you can still choose your month in 2025.

### **Announcements:**

- Guy presented the member pin to Max.
- The construction progress for the Kirkwood CC seems to be close to schedule. We will have to move our meeting to Michael Karasick's office in September and/or October when the next phase begins.
- The venue for StampFest continues to be an issue. Guy is waiting for a response from the last two possibilities, both in the St. Charles area.. If neither of them works out, we will have to cancel StampFest for this year. Either way we will prepare mailings in July. Then we will see if we can find another venue for our Pot Luck.
- The first MSDA stamp show in St. Louis took place June 1 and 2. They will only come back next year if the attendance and sales at the October show are favorable, so be there.

**Auction:** Richard conducted the auction, with Tom assisting keeping the records.

**Program:** Tom presented a very interesting story around the construction of the Eads Bridge. He started with the reasons for its construction, then walked us through the complicated steps needed to build it, and the financial issues both during and after the construction.

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

Phil Schorr, GMCSA Secretary



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## Minutes from General Membership meeting July 22, 2024

**Present:** President Guy Gasser, Bob Hessler, Bill Beeler, Tom Minor, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Frank Kollinger, Ron McVay, Barb Horter, Norb Wright, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Larry Reutter, Michael Karasick, Secretary Phil Schorr, Carol Hesselbein, David Mahsman, Nathan Esbeck, Sheryl Rose, Jerry Schultz, Richard Thies, Ed Chen, Chief Stasiak.

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

**Drawings:** Sheryl won the 50/50 for \$28.00. Guy won the attendance prize.

**Minutes:** The June meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Jerry and second by Larry.

**Treasurer report:** The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$15,944.51 at the end of June. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

**Secretary report:** Phil reported that membership is now at 72 members. He also noted that the long "Page 3" article in the P-D was courtesy of the Dayton Stamp Club newsletter editor.

**Vice President report:** Katrina introduced new member Ed Chen. She opened a discussion on the annual Pot Luck gathering. A show of hands was requested to learn the preference of the members on when it should be held and whether indoors or outdoors was preferred. A very tentative date of Sept. 28 was set, with time and place to be determined. She also noted that all the speaker slots for this year and filled and she already has one set for next year. If anyone would like to present a program next year, contact Katrina and lock up your desired month.

### **Announcements:**

- The construction progress for the Kirkwood CC is running about two weeks late at this point. We will be able to have the August meeting at the usual location, but we will have to move our meeting to Michael Karasick's office in September and October when the next phase begins.
- StampFest has been cancelled for this year. All the many sites Guy investigated were either too small, already booked, or too expensive, We should be able to hold StampFest at our usual location in the Kirkwood CC next year on August 9-10.
- The first MSDA stamp show in St. Louis took place June 1 and 2. They will only come back next year if the attendance and sales at the October show are favorable, so be there. In the meantime, the Second Saturday bourse will again be held at the Epic Empowerment Center
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**Auction:** Richard conducted the auction, with Tom assisting keeping the records.

**Program:** This month was our usual "Lick and Stick" effort, preparing the post cards for mailing to notify everyone StampFest has been cancelled and will be back in August of next year.

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

Phil Schorr, GMCSA Secretary





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## Minutes from General Membership meeting August 26, 2024

**Present:** President Guy Gasser, Tom Minor, Gene Stewart, Barb Horter, Secretary Phil Schorr, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Norb Wright, Sheryl Rose, Dennis O'Brien, Ron McVay, Roger Grider, Philippa Esbeck, Nathan Esbeck, Christina Esbeck, David Mahsman, Bob Nelson (prospective new member), Michael Karasick, Jerry Schultz, Bob Hessler, Richard Thies, Carol Hesselbein, Chief Stasiak, Phillip Slattery (new member), Paul Rose (prospective new member), Barbara Barnes (visitor).

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

**Drawings:** Michael won the 50/50 for \$26.00. David won the attendance prize.

**Minutes:** The June meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Barb and second by Chief.

**Treasurer report:** The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$15,365.55 at the end of July. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

**Secretary report:** Phil reported that membership is now nearing 75 members with the new members attending the meeting.

**Vice President report:** Katrina introduced the new members and visitor. Bob Nelson told us about some interesting items in his collection, and Katrina covered the plans for the Pot Luck dinner on Sept. 28.

### **Announcements:**

- Due to the construction progress for the Kirkwood CC, we will need to move our monthly meetings to an alternate site, probably through April or May of next year. After reviewing some possible sites, including the offices Michael offered, the decision has been made to hold the meetings for the next several months at the Creve Coeur RecPlex and Ice Rink. A map will be included with the Perf-Dispatch next month.
- We can't officially reserve the gym at Kirkwood CC yet for StampFest, but they have assured us we will have our desired weekend for the show next August.
- In answer to a question, the PotLuck will be a family affair, as always.
- Guy described how the Great American Stamp Show went this year in Hartford. It was a successful show for almost everyone. There was a Dungeons and Dragons session on Sunday. Guy explained the amazing amount of people who participate in the gaming conventions.

**Auction:** David conducted the auction, with Richard assisting keeping the records.

**Program:** David presented Part 2 of his How and When, covering when and how some of our members starting collecting stamps. It was a fun filled program about six of our members and their collecting.

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

Phil Schorr, GMCSA Secretary



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## **Minutes from General Membership meeting September 23, 2024**

**Present:** President Guy Gasser, Gary Hendren, Dennis O'Brien, Tom Minor, Barb Horter, Larry Reutter, Secretary Phil Schorr, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Sheryl Rose, Carol Hesselbein, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Frank Kollinger, Nathan Esbeck, Ed Bayham, Christina Esbeck, Phil Slattery, Bob Nelson, Roger Grider, Gene Stewart, Bob Hessler, Richard Thies, Steve Cook (guest)..

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

**Drawings:** Phil Slattery won the 50/50 for \$19.00. Guy won the attendance prize. A raffle prize was won by Bob Hessler.

**Minutes:** The August meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Barb and second by Katrina..

**Treasurer report:** The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$15,447.42 at the end of August. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

**Secretary report:** Phil showed a change in the Perf-Dispatch that now shows the date of the meeting as well as the month. He reported we now have 75 members, with one or two more pending.

**Vice President report:** Katrina introduced the new members and the guest. She reported we already have programs scheduled for two months of next year. Let her know soon which month you prefer.

### **Announcements:**

- The potluck social will be this Saturday, September 28 at 33 E. Glendale in Webster Groves. After a long discussion, it was decided the hours would be 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. A form was passed around asking members what food items they will bring. The club will supply paper and plastic goods, fried chicken, and soda. Feel free to bring any lawn games.
- Reservations for the gym in the Kirkwood CC are now open and Guy will lock down our date for next August for StampFest.
- The room we used for this meeting will be the room we will use until the Kirkwood CC room is again available. We are not being charged for using this room.
- The Christmas Party will take place on December 5.
- Pat raised the possibility of chartering a bus to take our members to GASS next year when it is held in Schaumburg, IL..He will conduct some research on bus costs, etc. We could either go in the morning, attend the show, and come back that evening, or we could stay over one night.

**Auction:** Richard conducted the auction, with Tom assisting in keeping the records.

**Program:** Unfortunately, our speaker had car trouble and wasn't able to attend to give his program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Phil Schorr, GMCSA Secretary



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## Minutes from General Membership meeting October 28, 2024

**Present:** President Guy Gasser, Gary Hendren, Gene Stewart, Frank Kollinger, Barb Horter, Lesa Morgan, Sheryl Rose, Tom Minor, Norb Wright, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Larry Reutter, Ron McVay, Roger Grider, Secretary Phil Schorr, Carol Hesselbein, Steve Cook, Nathan Esbeck, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Ed Bayham, Jerry Schultz, Michael Karasick, Richard Thies, Bob Nelson, Christina Esbeck

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

**Drawings:** Carol won the 50/50 for \$20.00. Barb won the attendance prize.

**Minutes:** The September meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Michael and second by Larry.

**Treasurer report:** The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$15,089.27 at the end of September. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

**Secretary report:** Phil reported that our paid membership is now up to 76. He challenged the members to contribute articles for the Perf-Dispatch.

**Vice President report:** Katrina reported that Bill Disalvatore's son passed away recently. The Christmas Party will be December 5 and she urged everyone to come and bring their spouse.

### **Announcements:**

- Guy reported that badges from past Expo shows are available if anyone is interested. Pat has about completed the set he has been building.
- Locations for StampFest are being solicited. The Kirkwood CC we have been using has priced us out of that location. That location had been suggested by a member and worked well for us for many years.
- Next month will be the AuctionBux auction. If you plan to contribute something for the auction, please tell Jerry in advance so he will have some idea of what will be there. Having many unexpected items coming in the night of the auction always slows things down considerably

**Auction:** Richard conducted the auction, with Tom assisting keeping the records.

**Program:** Guy conducted the Philatelic Jeopardy contest, using a new computer and screen system. It was a great contest, with the VP's team pulling out the win on Final Jeopardy. Plenty of fun was had by all.

Phil Schorr, GMCSA Secretary



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## Minutes from General Membership meeting November 25, 2024

**Present:** President Guy Gasser, Nathan Esbeck, Gene Stewart, Barb Horter, Carol Hesselbein, Alex Haimann, Secretary Phil Schorr, Jerry Schultz, Norb Wright, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Sheryl Rose, Roger Grider, Ed Bayham, Christina Esbeck, Ron McVay, Gary Hendren, David Mahsman, Frank Kollinger, Larry Reutter, Lesa Morgan, Richard Tries

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

**Drawings:** Larry won the 50/50 for \$15.00. Ron won the attendance prize.

**Minutes:** The October meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Larry and second by Ron.

**Treasurer report:** The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$15,432.59 at the end of October. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

**Secretary report:** Phil reported that the Star Route ratings have been received. He reminded everyone dues for 2025 are due by the end of this year. The AuctionBux dues reward of 100 Bux is only awarded if your dues are paid by the end of 2024.

**Vice President report:** Katrina reminded everyone the Christmas Party will be December 5 and she urged everyone to come and bring their spouse. There are still spaces available for presenting programs during 2025.

### **Announcements:**

- Locations for StampFest are being solicited. The Kirkwood CC we have been using has priced us out of that location. That location had been suggested by a member and worked well for us for many years.
- He sadly reported Carol Hesselbein's husband passed away recently.
- The election of the Vice President and Secretary for the next two years was held. Katrina Whitaker was reelected as Vice President and Phil Schorr was reelected as Secretary.

**Auction:** The great Auction Bux auctions was conducted by auctioneer Jerry Schultz. There were over 90 lots available, with some drawing some spirited bidding. Lesa Morgan's plate of home made cookies again went for the highest bid among all the lots.

Phil Schorr, GMCSC Secretary