



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 March 24, 2025

Present: President Guy Gasser, Gary Hendren, Gene Stewart, Secretary Phil Schorr, Gavin Bennett, Phil Slattery, Sheryl Rose, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, John Deutch, Carol Hesselbein, Ron McVay, Michael Hirschfeld, Roger Grider, John Wemhoener, Frank Kollinger, Dennis Ripplinger, David Mahsman, Alex Haimann, Winston Haimann, Steve Cook, Larry Reutter, Barb Horter, Nathan Esbeck, Richard Thies, Bob Nelson, Karinne Haimann

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

Drawings: Guy won the 50/50 for \$23.50. Phil won the attendance prize.

Minutes: The January meeting minutes were approved - motion by John D. and second by Gavin.

Treasurer report: The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$14,647.67 at the end of February. More details are available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary report: Phil reported that we currently have 7 that have not renewed their membership, and Michael Hirschfeld has rejoined. We have received the first two issues of Topical Time. They are available for club members to borrow for a month and then return them.

Vice President report: Katrina reported that all slots for speakers for the year are now filled. It's never too early to choose your month for next year. StampFest will be held at the St. Peters Rec-Plex this August 9 and 10. We should have the usual Pot Luck dinner on Saturday.

Announcements:

- Be sure to fill out your activity form, taking credit for any volunteer time at Expo.
- Guy thanked everyone who helped out at Expo. Things went very smoothly and the dealers noted all those wearing the club shirts.
- Attendance at Expo was 371 people, with enough coming back for a second day that the final total of people in the door was probably close to 500. The paid attendance was 34 people less than last year.
- We hope the attendance at StampFest will not be down from the 200+ two years ago. Guy gave contracts to 14 dealers at Expo and will mail out a few more, hoping to get 16-18 there.
- It is still not clear whether the Rec-Plex snack stand will be open the entire time of the show or whether we will handle it ourselves as in prior years.
- It was reported that David Semsrott suffered a stroke recently.
- Stamp Smith is now retired and the stock is being sold in auctions.

Auction: David and Richard conducted the monthly auction of 7 lots.

Program: Alex Haimann presented a very interesting program that included many items that went through the mail, even though they were boxes or other three-dimensional items. He also offered to sponsor the first-year membership for anyone who doesn't belong to the APS.

Phil Schorr, GMSCS Secretary