

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on April 25, 2016
at Parkway Central High School

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Gene Stewart, Roger Grider, Dave Marsh, Phil Schorr, Gary Hendren, Ken Grothoff, Norb Wright, Mark Bassett, John Deutch, Bob Ogrodnik, Larry Reutter, Jerry Schultz, Tom Minor, Wayne Youngblood, Frank Kollinger, Mimi White.

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:30pm with 18 members in attendance.

Minutes: Guy introduced the March Minutes for consideration and discussion. A motion was made to accept by Bob Ogrodnik, seconded by Larry Reutter and were approved as written.

Drawings: Norb Wright won the 50/50 cash prize drawing and Frank Kollinger won the attendance drawing of \$10 box for use at Stampfest.

Treasurer report:

- Gary said our Checking account balance at March 1, 2016 was \$10,663. Income during March was \$77 from 2016 club dues + auction receipts less March expenses of (\$141) for printing bills leaving a Checking balance of \$10,599 at end March. The club's Savings CD balance was unchanged at \$12,375. \$340 is in the 2 cash boxes. Grand total on March 31 is \$23,314.

Secretary report:

- Dave reviewed information gleaned from the MI forms completed by 33 active members or 60% of total members. 5 members dropped their membership at the end of 2015, Bob Hanson died this month and 2 new members have joined the club in 2016. We now have 56 members. 2 active members joined in 1976 + 1977.....3 joined in the 1980's.....8 joined in the 1990's.....19 joined in the 2000's [2009 added 11 members].....from 2010 to date we have added 23 new members. Memberships in other clubs/societies include APS, ATA with 8, Webster Groves with 7, GPS/Perfins/Monsanto with 3 each, STL Bears with 5, Polonus/CH.4/Postal History with 2 each. 7-8 members expressed interest in making club Presentations and/or preparing Exhibits. Countries collected are numerous and members are invited to examine the MI forms at their convenience.

Vice President report:

- Katrina thanked all who volunteered their time preparing the Youth Room on Thursday and for leading over 200 grade schoolers thru 4 stations Friday and for manning the club table at STL Stamp Expo. Special thanks to Bob Ogrodnik for signing up 1 of our 2 new members at Expo. Gary then thanked our 8 volunteers who helped run the Boy Scout merit badge testing on Saturday.

Announcements:

- Guy circulated a letter received from Scott Ward thanking GMCSG for so many members spending so much time helping out in the Youth Room at Expo.

- Phil asked members if they prefer to continue receiving the monthly Newsletter via email or in the US mail. The vast majority prefer the US mail and agree it is fine to begin using new Forever stamps. Guy said anyone who wants it via email should contact Phil with their email address. No one noticed the April envelopes failed to include the State as part of each recipient's address.
- Roger has a young friend who is excited about collecting stamps after receiving 1 of the goodie bags packed with information on "how to get started" at Expo. He urged us to retain a supply of these bags for handouts at future club shows.
- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn is Saturday, May 14. An auction is scheduled.
- A club auction will be held at our May 23 meeting.
- Guy would like more of us to attend the club's monthly breakfast at Hillary's Roadhouse on Dorsett Road....next at 8:30am on Monday, May 9.

Old Business: None

New Business:

-Guy said we must begin planning for **Stampfest** which will again take place at Parkway Central HS on August 20 & 21. Volunteers are needed to set up on Friday night. Tom Minor has agreed to be Show Chairman again this year but wants to train a co-chair volunteer who will assume full responsibility in 2017. Dave Marsh has volunteered to oversee the concession stand again. Roger's wife Jeanette has offered to spearhead publicity again and Guy is willing to spend \$\$ on print ads. He has already given interviews live on 3 local radio stations (KMOV + KMOX + KTRF). It was suggested we post a flier at local Post Offices, place ads in the Ladue News and West newspaper. Forget the STL Post-Dispatch as they are too expensive. Tom wants us to again prepare post card reminders for mailing to all club members and those who completed a questionnaire at the close of our 2015 show. Gary is busy mailing contracts to all potential dealers.

Program:

-Katrina introduced Jerry Schultz who shared with us his vast collection of materials related to Sherlock Holmes. They included personal covers, all known stamps that exist from 1972 thru today on Holmes, Arthur Conan Doyle [he wrote the first SH story in 1888] and related interests, playbills from all Sherlockian movies, 14 of the 60 existing Cinderella's, 60 short stories and 4 novels, 95% of all movies produced, etc. Jerry has been collecting this subject for over 30 years and has travelled to England [where the majority of members reside] that often in search of additional memorabilia. He is 1 of the earliest members of the largest int'l. Holmes clubs and believes his collection is 1 of the most extensive.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh