

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on September 26, 2016
at Parkway Central High School

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Gene Stewart, Roger Grider, Dave Marsh, Phil Schorr, Tom Minor, Frank Kollinger, Ken Grothoff, Norb Wright, John Deutch, Wayne Youngblood, Mike Marian, Larry Reutter, Nathan Esbeck, Gary Hendren

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:39pm with 16 members in attendance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Roger to approve the August Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Gene and approved by all attendees.

Drawings: Wayne won the 50/50 cash prize [\$7] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 certificate for use at a future StampFest was won by Phil Schorr.

Guests/Visitors: none

Treasurer report:

- Gary provided financial details on StampFest which showed a total net profit of \$2,397. This figure does not include the gym rent expense which could approximate \$800. The largest revenue items were \$3,260 from dealer tables and \$627 from Sunday's auction commissions. Expenses totaled \$2,016 which includes \$236 for concession stand and \$187 for BBQ meats and \$425 for 2 security guards. No custodian showed up so that expense will not be paid.
- At end September, the club's checking account balance was \$12,028. Petty cash of \$400 sits in 2 cash boxes. Our Savings CDs are unchanged at \$12,236

Secretary report:

- Dave said the concession stand at StampFest showed a modest \$62 net profit. Several selling prices will be increased nominally at the 2017 show. The Sub sandwiches were very popular and more will be offered next year. He thanked all who helped make the stand a success.

Vice President report:

- Katrina confirmed our annual Christmas holiday party will again be held at Syberg's Restaurant on Thursday, December 8, 2016. Price of \$20 per person is unchanged for drinks, games and a buffet dinner. She again thanked those members who helped make the Saturday dinner at StampFest a success. Guy asked for members to volunteer to give a presentation at meetings during 2017.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn is Saturday, October 8. An auction is scheduled.
- Wayne mentioned that David Beech, curator of the National Philatelic Library of London is visiting APS during October. He will come thru St. Louis and perhaps be available to give a presentation at a joint meeting of GMCSC and WGSC on October 21 or 22. Wayne or Alex will keep us informed.

-Wayne informed us that he will be leaving Regency Superior and St. Louis by October 31 and moving with Dorothy to their home in Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin to be closer to their son and grandchildren. He will continue writing columns for APS and Linn's. We will miss his presence and contributions to the health of our clubs in St. Louis.

Old Business:

- Status of the club's research Library relocation was again raised by John Deutch who recommended we either distribute it to members or sell it off in various club auctions. Guy said we need to find an accessible storage place where members can come see what material is there or liquidate it. None of the meeting attendees have seen it since it was moved to Alan's basement several years ago. Several asked "is it really worth paying rent to store it?" Roger will send Guy the last known inventory listing to include with our October Newsletter. Then we'll decide who is interested in looking at the volumes...or sell it off.

New Business:

- Gary reminded us that he is accepting donation lots for Bux Auction to be held at the November 28 club meeting and asks that we send him our lot descriptions prior to the October 24 club meeting. He & Guy asked for a member to volunteer to prepare in Excel the multi-page lot description listing...the reward is 100 Bux.
- John Deutch reviewed his visit to a recent stamp show in Houston, TX where he picked up an interesting 1800's cover mailed from the Pontifical States to New Orleans for half its value. He heard that Fred Boatwright no longer buys a table at StampFest claiming "attendees are not willing to spend enough money"!

Club Auction:

- Of the 10 lots offered, only 4 were sold for a total of \$10.75. The auction started at 8:15pm and ended 8 minutes later.

Program:

- Katrina and others tried to configure our new projector to accept Norb's scheduled presentation on Shanghai Overprints but it could not read his flash drive contents. He agreed to present at our January 2017 meeting. As a fallback, John Deutch spoke more about covers he collects from the Vatican States. He warned us those stamps are frequently counterfeit and what little is written about them is never in English. Fortunately, John can read and write Latin. Wayne headed a discussion regarding US stamps that have actually been invalidated by the USPS since 1861. Only 3 are known = Special Delivery + Certified Mail + Registry stamps.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh