

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on October 23, 2017
at Parkway Central Middle School

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Mark Bassett, Gene Stewart, Gary Hendren, Roger Grider, Frank Kollinger, Larry Reutter, Phil Schorr, Dave Marsh, Norb Wright, Tom DeGroot, Paul Hicks

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:35pm with 13 members in attendance.

Minutes: The September meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Roger and a second by Paul.

Drawings: Paul won the 50/50 cash prize [\$5.50] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won AGAIN by Norb.

Guests/Visitors: none

Treasurer report:

Gary provided financial figures for September. Our checking account started the month at \$10,320 and added little income. Disbursements were \$1,031, mostly expenses related to Stampfest which left the checking account balance at \$9,327 on Sept. 30. Our CDs remain unchanged at \$12,421...we will search for a higher/fairer return than 0.25% when they mature in May 2018. The 2 cash boxes contain \$348 total which leaves the club's total funds at \$22,096 at September 30.

Secretary report:

- Dave mentioned that he and his wife are purchasing a home in Door County, Wisconsin and hope to move from St. Louis by the end of December.

Vice President report:

- Katrina is accepting funds [\$10 per person] from those planning to attend our Christmas Party. She reviewed the menu and reminds us that our free drinks can be ordered only from the waitress handling our event. Do not order drinks from Syborg's bar. Three members and spouses have already committed to attend.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next monthly stamp bourse is November 11 at Holiday Inn – South (SOCOPEX) from 9am to 3pm...there will be no more auctions although Gene says he may consider hourly silent auctions of 5-10 lots each with a focus on stamps. There will be no Christmas party as HI does not allow us to bring in food or drinks!
- The Breakfast Club will meet Monday November 13 at Hilary's Roadhouse at 8:30am.
- Guy invited all members to join the officers after this meeting at Steak & Shake for a late dessert.

Old Business:

- we still need a member to volunteer to create lot descriptions and oversee the annual Auction Bux that consumes our November meeting. Gary is stepping down. This is a huge task and provides 100 bux to whoever handles it. Gary has close to 80 lots already and asked that we give him lot descriptions by November 15 for any items we wish to donate. Bob Hansen's wife recently donated all of Bob's stamp supplies.
- Mark reminds us that he is no longer able to retain and transport the club's inventory of stamps & covers, mostly inherited from the Monsanto Stamp Club. This is a nice source of income at Stampfest annually.

New Business:

- The Nominating Committee chair, Larry Reutter said there are no volunteers to run for Vice President at the November elections. Dave also mentioned that he and his wife will be relocating to Door County, Wisconsin, possibly by the end of December so we will also need a new Secretary. Guy then opened the floor for nominations and offered 3 calls for each office. Guy agreed to be on the ballot for President...Gary agreed to be on the ballot for Treasurer...Dave agreed to be on the ballot for Secretary and stay in office until he leaves St. Louis at which time a special election will occur. The Vice President office will remain open until a volunteer steps forward.

Club Auction:

- The next auction will be held at our January 2018 club meeting. Lot description forms are always available from our Secretary.

Program:

- Philatelic Jeopardy began at 8:13pm with 3 teams of 4 each competing for auction prizes of 100 bux for 1st place and 50 bux for 2nd place and 25 bux for 3rd place. Guy explained the rules to avoid controversy and a sporoted round one ended at 8:40pm. The Treasurer's team moved steadily forward thru the final round and won with \$560...after a monumental setback, the Vice President's team recovered and placed second with \$360...several key answers sunk the Secretary's team who finished third with just \$165.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh