

# Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on September 25, 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, Ken Grothoff, David Sullivan, John Deutch, Marcus Meyerotto, Joel Schwartz, Nathan Esbeck

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:36pm with 16 members in attendance.

Minutes: The August meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Phil and a second by Larry.

Drawings: Gary won the 50/50 cash prize [\$6] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won AGAIN by Roger.

Guests/Visitors: none

Treasurer report:

Gary provided financial figures for August when our checking balance was \$8,135 on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Major income included \$2,700 from Stampfest dealer table rent and \$1,269 gross from the show auction. Disbursements during August were \$2,249 which left the checking account balance at \$10,320 at August 31. Our CDs remain unchanged at \$12,421....they mature May 15, 2018 and earn only .25% pa. So we will search now for a higher/fairer return. The 2 cash boxes contain \$357 which leaves the club's total funds at \$23,098 at August 31. Income from Stampfest was \$3,297 [mostly from the 13dealer tables rent] and expenses totaled \$3,228 which left a questionable profit of \$69. We really need 15-16 dealers minimum to make a profit.

Secretary report:

- Dave noted that we all now have new name badges that include the club's new logo. He also thanked those who volunteered and worked in the food stand at Stampfest. Everyone should have received the updated member roster with the September Newsletter mailing. We now have 64 members.

Vice President report:

- Katrina is finalizing plans for the Christmas Holiday Party and is comparing rates and accommodations at both Syborgs and Orlando Gardens. The cost will remain \$ per person attending. She also again asked for volunteers to give a presentation in 2018.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next monthly stamp bourse is October 14 at Holiday Inn – South (SOCOPEX) located on Lindberg near Hwy 55. Hours are 9am to 3pm...there will be no auction.
- The Breakfast Club will meet Monday October 9 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. He also reminded us we'll play Philatelic Jeopardy in November.

#### Old Business:

- Stampfest – Guy revisited the attendance figures. Gary estimates that 167 attendees walked thru the door [154 in 2016] but only 127 submitted a sign-up slip. Some declined to fill out a slip so it was recommended we move registration outside the show hall and require all attendees to complete a sheet or pay \$5 entry fee. Of the 127, we know 14 came both days, there were 43 new attendees and 12 requested information on joining the club so Dave will mail an application to those folks. Guy expected the show to lose \$300 - \$500 red but will accept a loss expected now of <\$70>.
- It was noted that Stampfest in 2018 may conflict with shows in Wichita and Dayton.
- we need a member to volunteer to create lot descriptions and oversee the annual Auction Bux that consumes our November. Gary is stepping down. This is a huge task and provides 100 bux to whomever handles it.

#### New Business:

- Katrina introduced our latest new member in attendance, Joel Schwartz. Gary has completed Member applications from 2 others who joined the club at Stampfest.
- The Nominating Committee for officer elections in November consists of volunteers Larry Reutter and Dave Marsh. They will contact all members encouraging anyone interested to put their name in nomination. Of special interest is a candidate for Vice President since Katrina is not running for re-election. Installation of officers occurs at the December Christmas Party.

#### Club Auction:

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

#### Program:

- Katrina conducted tonight's presentation on "Stamp Collecting 101" which began at 8:17pm . She explained there is no right way to collect but we must use proper tools and make no permanent attachments when displaying our stamps. She provided a brief history of the origin of stamps going back to 1837-1840 when England issued the Penny Black followed by Brasil in 1843 and the US in 1847. Henry Archer invented a perf machine in 1850 which allowed Scott #25 to be the first US perforated stamp. She then described and showed pictures of a wide variety of stamps ranging from general issue to back of the book. We looked at difinitives, commemoratives, coil pairs, booklet panes, overprints versus surcharges, airmail, special delivery, postage due, newspaper [1865-1869], parcel post, perfins, etc. We discussed cancellation variations and post mark differences. She fielded all questions gracefully. Guy requested feedback since this is what she presents for the Boy Scouts merit badge session annually at Stamp Expo.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh

