

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on February 26, 2018
at Parkway Central Middle School

Present: Guy Gasser, Mark Bassett, Gene Stewart, Gary Hendren, Roger Grider, Larry Reutter, Phil Schorr, Dave Marsh, Norb Wright, Tom DeGroot, Paul Hicks, Tom Minor, Mike Marian, Dennis O'Brien, Jerry Schultz, Mimi White, Michael Manley, Marcus Meyerotto, Ken Grothoff, John Deutch, Joel Schwartz, Pat Morgan, Katrina Whitaker, Bob Ogrodnik

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:39pm with 24 members in attendance.

Minutes: The January meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Gene and a second by Paul Hicks.

Drawings: Pat won the 50/50 cash prize [\$10.00] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won by John Deutch.

Guests/Visitors: new member Michael Manley introduced his close friend Cindy Simpson.

Treasurer report:

- Gary reviewed the club's financial position for the month of January 2018. The checking account balance started at \$6,991. Income during January was limited to 2018 dues and proceeds from the last Socopex auction. Disbursements were only \$135 leaving a checking balance of \$7,311 at end January. Our Savings CDs total \$12,429 and 2 cash boxes contain \$315 leaving grand total funds of \$20,056 at January 31.

Secretary report:

- Dave thanked members for remitting 2018 dues and said 16 have still not renewed. He will send an email blast in mid-March to those still unpaid. Payment can be mailed either to Dave's home or to Guy's P.O. Box appearing on the Dues Notice that accompanied our January Newsletter. He hopes to attend our March club meeting before leaving STL on April 3 for Door County, Wisconsin. Phil Schorr has offered to share much of the duties with Guy.

Vice President report:

This position remains open and Guy again asked members to consider stepping up. He and Gary will handle these chores in the interim.

Announcements:

- Guy introduced new member Michael Manley who provided some background on his interest in stamp collecting and encouraging youngsters to take up the hobby. He collects USA and mint Canada stamps.
- Gene Stewart's next monthly stamp bourse is March 10 at Holiday Inn – South (SOCOPEX) from 9am to 2pm in the Ballroom. There will be hourly auctions of lots submitted by dealers only. Food can be purchased at nearby Wendy's or Krispy Kreme.
- The Breakfast Club will meet Monday March 12 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:

-Guy thanked new member Pat Morgan for agreeing to assume the duties of Stamp Manager which had previously been handled by Mark. Pat plans to reorganize the boxes of material and invites members to donate any stamps or covers they are no longer interested in.

-Guy gave us a final reading on STL Stamp Expo to run March 16-18. Fewer volunteers are needed this year in the Youth Room where Bob Mahoney invites kids to learn about our hobby and leave with a bag of stamps, supplies and answers to their questions. Gary said 6-7 Boy Scouts have registered so far for the merit badge test on Saturday morning. All 54 dealer booths are sold and the maximum number of Exhibits is reached. Marcus invited any members to help owners put up their exhibit. The club will again have an information table in the hotel lobby and Guy has a sheet for volunteers to sign up. Roger mentioned that Webster Groves Stamp Club will hold their meeting at 8pm on Friday in the Show Hall where Gary will spend time explaining his much renowned exhibit on St. Louis Streetcar Cancells. Gary told us Bob Schultz of the Missouri Postal History Society is writing a new book and will chair a meeting of the society at Expo.

New Business:

-No one has yet objected to the proposed wording of numerous changes to our By-Laws. Guy asked each member to complete the ballot that accompanied our February Newsletter and return it to him by the March 26 deadline. Results at our April meeting.

-Guy distributed survey sheets so attendees could vote in Linn's annual poll choosing the Best & Worst stamps issued during 2017 by the US Postmaster. Dave collected the sheets for submission before the March 1 deadline.

-Phil mentioned that a member has recently requested a publication from the club's Library.

Club Auction:

-The next club auction will take place at our March 26 meeting. Lot description forms are always available from our Secretary.

Program:

-Our speaker was Gary Hendren who provided an unusual [and hilarious] presentation on How Many Ways Can You Say "Place Stamp Here". He began at 8:33 and showed us his exhaustive, and still growing, collection of the upper right corners he clips from return envelopes. The cost of collecting these items is close to zero and the universe of differing examples appears to be endless. A most creative approach to philately.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh