

# Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on January 22, 2018  
at Parkway Central Middle School

Present: Guy Gasser, Mark Bassett, Gene Stewart, Gary Hendren, Roger Grider, Frank Kollinger, Larry Reutter, Phil Schorr, Dave Marsh, Norb Wright, Tom DeGroot, Paul Hicks, Tom Minor, Mike Marian, Dennis O'Brien, Jerry Schultz, Ed Bayham, David Sullivan, Marcus Meyerotto, Ken Grothoff, John Deutch, Joel Schwartz, Alan Barasch, Pat Morgan

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:32pm with 24 members in attendance.

Minutes: The November meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Gene and a second by Phil.

Drawings: Roger won the 50/50 cash prize [\$9.00] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won by new member, Pat Morgan.

Guests/Visitors: a friend, Bill Lange came to see what our meetings involve and to contribute an inherited collection.

Treasurer report:

- Gary reported the club's financial position for the 2 month period Nov. 1 thru Dec. 31, 2017. The checking account balance was \$8,932. Income during November & December was \$336. Disbursements during those months was <\$2,334> which comprised mostly of Syberg's Christmas Party and final bill from Parkway Central for gym rental at Stampfest. These left a Checking account balance of \$6,991 at Dec. 31, 2017. (That balance was \$9,972 at Dec. 31, 2016). Our Savings CDs total \$12,421 and 2 cash boxes contain \$315 leaving grand total funds of \$19,728 at end 2017.

Secretary report:

- Dave is accepting 2018 dues now and encouraged members to mail payments to his home address or to the P.O. Box appearing on the Dues Notice that accompanied our January Newsletter. He decided to delay his move to Door County, Wisconsin until the weather up there improves. When Dave departs STL, Phil Schorr has offered to share much of the duties with Guy.

Vice President report:

None

Announcements:

- Guy introduced Patrick Morgan who has applied for club membership for 2018. He was happily accepted by all and hopes to become an active participant.
- Gene Stewart's next monthly stamp bourse is February 10 at Holiday Inn – South (SOCOPEX) from 9am to 3pm. 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 February 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.
- Guy said STL Stamp Expo is early this year on March 16-18. Fewer volunteers are needed, esp. with no grade school children scheduled to visit the Youth Room on Friday. Gary is uncertain if enough Boy Scouts will attend his merit badge workshop on Saturday and relies on our usual members to do the qualifying. All 54 dealer booths are sold and the maximum number of Exhibits is already reached. Marcus mentioned there will be 4 new Exhibitors, all from St. Louis with 2 being members of GMCSC, Nate & Jerry.
- For the moment, Roger has declined an invitation to serve as the club's VP.

#### Old Business:

- Guy reminds us that Mark is no longer able to be Stamp Manager nor 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 with stamps selling for 10 cents to 25 cents. Frank has offered to assist Mark temporarily.

#### New Business:

- At our last club meeting, Guy expressed a need to update our Constitution & By Laws which were last updated in September 2008. He distributed his proposed language and read the changes, then urged members to read them carefully before sending Guy any objections. The updates basically change officer elections from annually to every 2 years, create provisions for Special elections, and allow for dues received from a new member (suggested by Ed Bayham) on or after August 1 to cover the current and following year's dues. The Secretary will mail ballots after the February 2018 club meeting with a final vote taken on March 26. Those voting by proxy must get their ballots to Guy by the March 26 regular meeting in order to be counted.

#### Club Auction:

- The auction began at 8:55pm and was conducted by Guy and Gene. 25 lots were sold to active bidders who paid a total of \$72.75 for their purchases. The next club auction will take place at our March meeting. Lot description forms are always available from our Secretary.

#### Program:

- Our presenter was Alan Barasch whose slides addressed "The Conspiracy against E. G. Lewis" as originally drafted by good friend David Straight. Lewis was born in 1869; acquired The Woman's Magazine in 1895 and moved to St. Louis around 1900 during the World's Fair here. He built what is now City Hall for University City, a suburb he founded. Lewis opened People US Bank and sold shares to assist poor women in buying his magazine subscriptions. The Post Master General felt the bank was a fraud, refused to deliver mail to Lewis and the bank and issued Order #10 clarifying postal rates intended to close the bank. The US Express Co. also went after Mr. Lewis who sued the US Government, lost and spent 1910-1914 in prison. Upon his release, he moved to another city he founded in California and was eventually forgotten. He died in 1950.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:27pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh