

# Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on February 25, 2019

Present: David Mahsman, Gene Stewart, Lesa Morgan, Treasurer Gary Hendren, Stephen Price, President Guy Gasser, Larry Ruetter, Ken Grothoff, Pat Morgan, Marcus Meyerotto, Roger Grider, Paul Hicks, Dennis O'Brien, Vice President Ed Bayham, Secretary Phil Schorr

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes: The November meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Pat and a second by Paul.

Drawings: Lesa Morgan won the 50/50 cash prize [\$8.50] drawing. The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won by Phil Schorr.

Treasurer report:

-Gary reported the bank balance at the end of January stood at \$18,379.11. In addition, the Socopex cash box had \$124.75 and the GMC cash box had \$191.00, giving a total balance for the club of \$18,694.86.

Following this report there was a prolonged discussion on finances and club activities. A question was raised about the activities of other stamp clubs. Marcus summarized the activities and membership of the Webster Groves club, other local clubs, and a club in Orlando, Fl. Club auctions were also mentioned, and there was some feeling that our club has almost all low value auction lots and should have some more expensive items. While this has not been successful in the past, a few higher value lots will be included in the March auction to see if they generate interest and bidding.

Announcements:

- Guy reminded everyone that dues for 2019 are now due. We only have five members remaining who have not paid their dues.
- Ed Bayham reported that the schedule of programs is almost complete, but we still need a speaker for September as Gary Hendren would welcome someone to take that spot currently listed for him.
- Guy introduced our newest member, Gary Toth, who just joined at the meeting. He mainly collects stamps on aids to navigation. We look forward to seeing him at our future meetings.
- Guy asked everyone to fill out the provided ballot for the Linn's annual stamp poll. They were collected and mailed to Linn's.
- Phil raised the possibility of including articles on various collecting topics in the newsletter. While that would be welcomed, it would require members to be willing to provide articles to be included, either ones they authored or felt would be of interest.
- Guy noted that Stamp Expo is coming the end of March and volunteers will be needed. He will have forms at the next meeting to volunteer for various duties.
- Socopex will take place on March 9 with hours from 12:00 – 5:00. Don't miss it.
- The Breakfast Club will meet on March 11 at the Olive St. Café, 12710 Olive Blvd.

Program: Marcus and Gary presented a program to encourage more people to exhibit.