

Springfield Stamp Club (SSC) Minutes, January 22, 2020

There was no meeting on January 8, due to school closing because of inclement weather.

President David Baron called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. There were 21 members present.

President Baron noted that after the meeting, there would be a talk by Jack Ginsberg on topical stamp collecting. He also noted that the National Postal Museum had sent us a thank you note for our annual donation.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting (Dec. 8) and they were approved as read.

The Treasurer made his report, and it was approved as presented. He noted the SSC made \$211.05 from our last auction in December, and that the Holiday party was under budget because of a falloff in attendance and less of a need to buy gifts because of donated prizes from our Stamp dealers. He noted our current bank, Sun Trust will soon merge with BB&T and become Truist Financial Corp.

Old Business

Neal Parr presented the slate of candidates that the Search Committee had proposed: David Baron for President, Jack Ginsberg for Vice, Rory Souther for Treasurer and Bill Geary for Secretary. He opened the floor for nomination of other candidates and there were none presented. The slate was approved by voice vote.

Springpex'20 is only 2 months away. Gerry Frazier said that preparation was in good shape, 12 dealer contracts were already paid, about half the number of dealers, and that a notice had been placed in the APS Journal. We do have some administrative issues, because Fairfax County has not yet come forward with an invoice, but he believes this will all work out.

President Baron noted we have SPRINGPEX flyers, and need to post them, at libraries, stores and other public locations to get our show noticed. Neal Parr noted that if a flyer brings just one more person to the show, it has served its purpose. An additional twenty or thirty people for our show can be a critical factor, and the flyers are the most effective way to publicize it to the local community. Neal also noted that the annual breakfast flyers are out and reminded us that we need to get members and guests to sign up and come.

Gerry Frazier noted that we will have cachets and cancels to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment (women's suffrage), and the 50th Anniversary of the SSC.

Gerry West passed out the SSC Book Sales Procedures, which he and Joel Wells had written. There was a discussion of the procedures and after the discussion, there was a motion of approve them, it was seconded and approved. The Procedures will be attached to these Minutes as an addendum, to inform the membership. Gerry did note it was difficult to keep up with inactive members, who had material in the books, but either could not be located or had deceased. Gerry did note it was a great opportunity to put material in the books now, with both SPRINGPEX and NAPEX coming up. Sales for some material, such as China, were very active.

New Business.

Neal Parr noted he had received a large donation from the estate of Chuck Koryda and will break it down for our auctions.

There was a discussion of whether our table space could be expanded at SPRINGPEX because our SSC books now take up two tables. Several members offered to help bring or assist with tables and it was felt we could add two tables without impact.

President Baron distributed the annual Linn's Stamp Poll and related ballots for the members who were interested and said he would collect them.

Announcements:

Neal Parr announced he still had 2020 calendars for those that needed them, and that would be a Vienna Coin and Stamp Show this weekend, January 25-26.

David Baron said we need volunteers for the Children's Table. It was suggested that the Burkhardt's might be available.

There was a motion to adjourn, it was seconded and approved, and the meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

v/r

Jack Townsend

Secretary

Attachment SSC Stamp Books Procedure