

Springfield Stamp Club (SSC), October 17, 2018

President Neal Parr called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. There were 14 members present.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as read.

The Treasurer made his report and it was approved as presented.

Old Business:

Jerry West indicated that he had not received an e-mail regarding future meetings. Neal asked him to provide him with an email address. The October schedule has been posted.

SPRINGPEX'19. Gerry Frazier reported he has continued conversations with the Fairfax County representative over the potential cost increase for using Lee High School. He noted that we are making constructive small steps forward. While overnight security remains an issue, coordination between the Fairfax County representative and Lee H.S. continues. Ultimately, it may be necessary to increase dealer table rates. Gerry noted he will be out of town until early December and the issues would be on hold until then. The March 23 and 24 dates are firm. Bill Fort inquired as to what the expected rate might be and Gerry said, ballpark, about 20% above the last SPRINGPEX prices.

Neal Parr reminded us that it is time to elect officers. We need a Committee to form a slate and nobody has stepped forward. Neal said he might have to draft a few members.

Neal noted that the Postal Museum lectures (Sudmann Annual Lecture) are excellent and that this year it was a very detailed examination of the Butterfield Overland Stagecoach routes through Texas, in the 1858-61 timeframe.

Hal Gross reported last week's sales from the Club books at \$19.45, and \$158.67 at NAPEX last June.

Jerry West urged us to set a goal to submit 500 new items to the Club Books to replenish the stock.

Luther Dietrich asked if we have a policy regarding mailing proceeds. Neal responded by saying we do have a procedure. Normally we like to pay in person, but if that person is unavailable, we will mail proceeds to that person (less postage). However if the value is less than a dollar, mailing is not an efficient option.

President Neal Parr reminded us of our discussion last week, of whether we wanted to revive the practice of having a drawing during business meetings for some nominal sum, which would be good for purchase from the club books. The amount deducted would be made good by the Club. After some discussion of the process, a motion was made and seconded to reestablish the drawing on business meeting nights only. Drawing a raffle ticket, entitles the winner to \$3 off

on a purchase from the Club books. We would start this raffle on the next business meeting, November 7. The winning ticket would be good for the current school year in the event the winner could not find something to select that night. This raffle would be the last order of business before adjournment. The motion was approved by voice vote.

New Business.

Neal asked for a motion to approve our annual \$300 donation to the Postal Museum. The motion was made, seconded and approved.

Announcements:

Jerry West recommended an article in "Barrons," a financial publication, regarding the auction of a substantial collection by Bill Gross, a famous stamp dealer.

Gerry Frazier noted a positive review by the Washington Post of the Postal Museum in its Sunday supplement on Museums.

Gerry Frazier also noted that a gentleman had fallen a few weeks ago on the stairs of Lynbrook, and that a few club members went his aid. Emergency Responders were called and the man was taken to the hospital. Gerry, one of the people who had assisted, had received a thank you from the school. Gerry had learned that the person did not have significant head injuries but did have a broken leg.

This Sunday there will be a stamp bourse at the Franconia Fire Station on Beulah Road.

After the meeting, there will be a presentation by Gerry Frazier on creating and maintaining a topical index for aircraft themed stamps, as well as the research necessary to identify the aircraft.

There was a motion to adjourn, it was seconded and approved, and the meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Jack Townsend, Secretary