

Springfield Stamp Club (SSC), October 3, 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:

SPRINGPEX'19. Gerry Frazier reported he had had conversations with the Fairfax County representative over the potential cost increase for using Lee High School. He noted also that the cost of overnight security is expected to rise, as well as the cost of custodial services. There is also a need to renegotiate the agreement with the Lee H.S. Booster club. Gerry is continuing to work the issues.

As noted at our last business meeting, Neal addressed the magazine article on expanding our Club. Neal encouraged people to read the article. Some of the items we are already doing, such as auctions, show and tells, but we have not gone into buying collections and selling them on the internet. This would become a question of resources and dedicated people who are both qualified and want to work on this. Jerry West noted that it was remarkable that the club had rejuvenated itself and asked about the status of our club circuit books. Neal stated that they're taken care of by Hal Gross, who shows them at SPRINGPEX and at NAPEX. Jerry suggested bringing them to each meeting. They are no longer being brought to the meeting on a regular basis and it was felt that this was a valuable resource that could be used to attract club members, both for selling and buying. Jerry West volunteered to see if we can improve our approach to the Club Books. Otto noted that the club, years ago, gave a ticket to each meeting attendee for a drawing, with the winner getting a two or three dollar prize, which was taken from the club books. The club then paid the owner of the material taken from the club books. That too could be done to attract attendees. There was a discussion of possible improvements to the monthly auction, but no firm consensus developed.

New Business:

Neal Parr noted that the October schedule is a problem because our auction night falls on Halloween night, creating a problem for many. There were motions made, seconded and approved to move the auction to October 24, and to cancel the meeting on October 31.

It was noted that on October 17 there will be a meeting of the PTA and we will need to use the Library. Parking will be tight. Next week, October 10 will still remain as our silent auction night.

Neal pointed out for long term planning that November 7 would be a business meeting, and there will be no meeting on November 21 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. In December our final

business meeting of the calendar year will be on December 5, with the Holiday party on December 12, and an auction on December 19.

We will need to form a committee to set up a slate of officers for next year. Neal asked all to consider running for a club office.

The first meeting of the new year will be on January 9.

Announcements:

Jack Ginsburg noted that there will be a presentation on Research on Air Mail Stamps by Gerry Frazier on October 17, a presentation by Jack Ginsburg on WWI postcards on November 7, and a presentation on December 5 by Don Mackert on identifying Washington-Franklins.

Otto noted that there will be a lecture at the National Postal Museum on October 10, 12 -1 PM.

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

Jack Townsend, Secretary