

Springfield Stamp Club (SSC) Minutes, May 16, 2018

President Neal Parr called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. There were 25 members and two guests present.

President Parr began by thanking all for coming and giving one of guests a chance to introduce himself. The guest was David Dempsey, originally from Syracuse, N.Y., where he had been an active member of the stamp club, but was now living in our area. He was given a warm welcome and expressed interest in becoming a member of our club.

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

Neal began with the issue of buying new catalogs and since he was not here last time asked for a summary of the discussion. Jack Townsend stated that the issue was basically that the Scott catalogs were not being used very much and that it was perhaps unnecessary to replace them every two years. There was some discussion and Otto Thamasett made a motion that we would defer buying the catalogs for an additional year. The motion was seconded and President Parr called for a vote and the motion passed.

Neal did say that we have a POC, George Shaw, who can get us catalogs at a substantial discount: \$480 for the Scott General Catalogs and \$85 for the U.S. Specialized (\$565 total). It was noted that the Scott Catalogs are reformatted to six volumes of two books each. If three or more orders are received for the six volume set (two bound books per volume) or the US Specialized, the cost will drop to \$75 for each volume. Neal offered to be POC for placing orders with George Shaw and receiving the shipments. If anyone is interested, please contact Neal so that the order can be placed.

Rory then presented the proposed FY 2019 budget, pointing out the yellow highlighted areas on the proposed budget as being changes for this fiscal year. He recommended a higher donation to the Lynbrook school and National Postal Museum, the high school custodian who oversees the SPRINGPEX area, a slight increase to the Holiday Party, and an increase in funding for the SPRINGPEX'19 Program so additional copies can be printed so they don't run out on Sunday. There was general agreement with the suggested changes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget as amended, and it was passed by voice vote.

Cal McWhirter stated that the club advertisement for the NAPEX Program had been accepted for no cost and we should reciprocate with NAPEX next year by offering them a free advertisement in the SPRINGPEX'19 Program.

President Neal Parr noted that we have traditionally had our club Youth Table at NAPEX and asked Cal if he had sufficient manning. Gerry Frazier and Bill Geary have volunteered their time and it was suggested we contact other club members to see if they could volunteer. All club members were asked to assist if available and coordinate with Cal McWhirter.

New Business

Rory handed out bid sheets for our Silent Auction. Neal noted that it seems now to have established itself and thanked the participating members

Jerry West noted it might be useful to run through our remaining schedule for the SSC meetings until the summer break.

They will be:

May 23 Trading Session

May 30 Club Auction

June 6 Final Business Meeting of this school year.

June 13 Club Auction. (Fairfax County schools close June 15 for the summer)

Jerry recommended publicizing the last auction by e-mail to encourage large participation.

Announcements

Otto Graf has some philatelic literature available.

This weekend there will be the Elks Lodge Fairfax STAMPFEST with approximately 24 dealers.

It was noted that the Alan Blair Auctions will have a large auction on June 2 in Richmond.

Cal McWhirter noted that a large number of cachet covers were delayed by the Post Office because of a procedure to insure that they were not cancelled twice.

After the meeting, Kevin Dudley will make a presentation of early Air Mail postal history.

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

v/r

Jack Townsend

Secretary