

Springfield Stamp Club (SSC) Minutes, April 5, 2017

President Neal Parr called the meeting to order at 7:35. There were 14 members present.

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

The Treasurer presented his report and it was approved as presented. The Treasurer reported that we had made \$51.70 on our last auction.

Old Business.

The President noted that SPRINGPEX'17 was a success. He expressed on behalf of the Club appreciation to Gerry Frazier as SPRINGPEX'17 Chairman and the many participants that worked to make the event successful. He also gave a special thanks to Cal McWhirter and Otto Thamasett. While the show cancels did not get to SPRINGPEX on time, we are now filling orders for cancels with our cachets. Cal has a limited supply of SPRINGPEX'17 covers with special show cancels.

Otto pointed out that Sylvia Washington helped "greased the skids," and she and Kimberly Frustaci deserved their honorary memberships.

Rory reported more details on our club expenses and income from SPRINGPEX'17. He stated that we have some outstanding items yet, but it appears we will make a little more this year than we did last year.

Neal also named Rosine McWhirter and Mary Burkhardt for their efforts at the Youth Table. They, along with Jim Young and Russ Burkhardt, made it another success. We apparently had 34 visitors at the Youth Table this year, and all appeared pleased with their visit.

Gerry Frazier also complimented the school for its improved cooperation. We had outstanding help from the custodial staff and the individual who performed overnight security Saturday night.

Bill Fort complimented the smooth working of the Awards Ceremony and the work of Pat Kuch our SPRINGPEX'17 Awards Chairman.

Neal also stated that we awarded two Outstanding Service Awards to two well deserved individuals, Vera Souther and Pat Kuch. Vera has long assisted at auctions and is the moving force behind our Christmas party and Pat works behind the scenes on many issues including our awards for SPRINGPEX.

Neal Parr said he had informally polled the dealers and they responded that they were very happy with the event. Gerry Frazier stated he had asked for feedback from the dealers, and except for one who "broke even" the others were satisfied. Even the dealer who broke even did not say no to next year. Gerry Frazier noted that Doug Weisz, a cover dealer, gave us a very nice review in an email he sent Gerry.

Luther Dietrich reminded us of our box top efforts and also said we have additional opportunities to support the school through loyalty support programs that some stores, like Giant, run.

New Business.

Neal Parr asked for opinions as to whether we should continue mailings to members who either were delinquent in their dues, and also those who might have signed up once but never come to meetings. The consensus appeared to be that we want to do all we can to encourage former or potential members to remain interested and we should distribute minutes and general information to them. Perhaps some things, such as the Club Directory, can be distributed on a more restricted basis. In general the membership wanted a broad distribution but thought it prudent to explore what options might be available for a more limited distribution for items with a privacy concern.

Announcements.

Neal announced that next Wednesday there would be no trading session meeting due to Fairfax Schools being closed for Spring Vacation. In addition, on 3 May the school will use both the library and the cafeteria for school functions, so the 3 May meeting will be cancelled.

Bill Fort noted that NAPEX will be June 9-11 and we need volunteer help to set up and take down tables. The Springfield Stamp Club will also run our Youth Program, and need volunteers for that.

Our last meeting for the school year will be on June 21.

Rory noted that "postalnews.com" has numerous interesting articles.

Bill Fort announced that he had brought in a modern postal forgery for viewing.

A motion was made, seconded, approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:05.

v/r

Jack Townsend

Secretary