

Springfield Stamp Club (SSC) Minutes, April 4, 2018.

President Neal Parr called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were 24 members present.

To begin the meeting, Neal asked several the new and infrequent members to introduce themselves. They were Vic McHenry, Don Mackert, Lee Sonnenberg, Joel Welles, and Bob Boyd.

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.

SPRINGPEX18 was another great success for us. Neal thanked Springpex' 18 Chairman Gerry Frazier for coordinating and accomplishing this success. Neal also thanked the many members who assisted, especially Cal McWhirter and Otto Thamasett for coordinating with the USPS and helping set up the show area, Pat Kuch for her great work on awards, all others who participated, including those that helped unload dealers Saturday morning and then load them Sunday late afternoon. Bill Forte was also thanked for overseeing exhibits and judges. Gerry noted the help of Eugene Maszar with picking up exhibit frames from the storage locker and returning them Sunday after the show. A special thanks to Russ and Mary Burkhard for coming down from Pennsylvania to manage the youth table.

Neal said he had polled the dealers and that all but one were very satisfied with the show and Rory reported \$390 in donations from the dealers. Rory also reported that we netted about \$2900 from this show, a bit more than the past average. When asked about the cost of using Lee High School, Rory stated that we paid \$1669.50 for use of the facility.

Hal Gross reported on sales from the club books at \$249.50. If there are any members who have not been paid for their sales, please contact Hal. Hal also noted that some individual members who sold material at the show said they were satisfied. The club received a ten percent commission on their sales.

Gerry Frazier echoed these remarks and said the show went very well. He especially noted the school custodian who had rapidly cleaned the room soon after the show ended and the frames and tables were removed. He did remark that our two points of contact with the Lee High School are retiring and so we will have a transition period next year. Gerry hopes to meet with their successors prior to final planning for SPRINGPEX 2019. He also stated that this was our 48<sup>th</sup> show, within striking distance of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020.

Cal stated he had a few show cachets with show cancels left for those who wanted to purchase them.

Luther Dietrich had a follow up question on why one dealer was dissatisfied, but Neal believed it was a combination of several factors rather than a systemic problem. All the other dealers gave favorable reviews to the show, were satisfied with their sales, and several expressed their desire to attend SPRINGPEX 2019.

#### New Business

Rory stated that two of the three certificates of deposit we have are maturing soon, and he intends to roll them forward at a more advantageous interest rate.

NAPEX is coming up June 8-10 and Bill Fort will be actively engaged in that as NAPEX Chairman. We will again set up a youth table at NAPEX. Cal will take the lead on this to continue our tradition of manning a youth table at this show. Additionally, the Springfield Stamp Club will place an advertisement in the NAPEX Program.

Cal reported several new donations to the club and to our Youth Program that have occurred over the past two months. Donations were received from Zhe Li, April Majk, Mary Sampson, Michael Reed, Kerry Hopkins and Brian Dettelbach.

It was noted that both Burke and Merrifield Post Offices now have the new Mr. Rodgers stamps.

Neal noted that there will be a 'STEM' (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) stamp first day of issue ceremony at the STEM show at the Washington Convention Center in D.C. on Friday, 6 April at 11 AM.

After the meeting we will have a presentation by Jack Ginsburg on "Cinderella Labels of World War I."

There was a motion to adjourn, it was seconded and approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

v/r

Jack Townsend

Secretary