

# THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

## MINUTES FOR THE:

Tuesday March 3, 2020 Meeting.

Meeting called to order at 8:10PM, with 10 WPNS Members present and 3 Guests.

Meeting held at the Mount Lebanon United Methodist Church at 3319 West Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15216

- 1) **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Larry H. reports Feb 1 2020 Standard Bank balance of \$1412.13. Feb Deposits of \$151.04 – Mike D. sales \$41, \$100 DUES collection, \$10 Member contribution and \$0.04 of interest earned. Ending Feb 29 2020 balance at \$1563.17.
- 2) **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Per Stu S., no website activity lately. Stu will be due a reimbursement of \$70.69 for the Annual WPNS website fee which he personally pays. Mike D. reports no EBAY sales during the month of February.
- 3) **CORRESPONDENCE** – Nothing to report.
- 4) **OLD BUSINESS** – Mike D. did receive an email response from the SCALE MUSEUM. The first Tuesday in June is available. The group decides that we may schedule a dinner before the June Meeting. Since the June meeting is normally held at the Heinz History Center, Rich C. was asked to call the HHC to request we meet in September at the HHC.
- 5) **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. 3 Guests are at this meeting – Blaine S., Ed H. and Gerry, and Corleen C. gives Membership Applications to all 3 guests.
  - b. Rich C. reminds the group that the ANA will have their SUMMER MONEY FAIR in Pittsburgh this August. Rich requests that a \$100 donation be made to the ANA by WPNS, which is approved. Rich concludes by asking for volunteers at the SUMMER ANA show and asks anyone interested in volunteering to contact Richard J., who has been named the Chairperson of the SUMMER ANA SHOW.
  - c. Ed K. states that PAN has a GOFUNDME area on the PAN Website to raise money to defray the costs of bringing ABE LINCOLN to the ANA August show. \$4000 is the fundraising goal and \$795 has been raised at present.
  - d. Ed K. relates the story that he occasionally sells coins to a customer in Trinidad, and that the Trinidad CUSTOMS AREA on this last occasion held up the delivery as they wanted to impose IMPORT DUTIES. Ed and the customer complained to Customs about Government Interference and Ed wrote a short email explaining that the coins were of minor value and the coins were then released.

- e. Larry H. mentions that at the PAN Meeting the previous night Tom U. and Pat M. brought up that the Pennsylvania Legislature is revisiting their attempts to “repeal the sales tax exemption” on bullion and coin sales inside Pennsylvania. The ICTA (Industry Council for Tangible Assets) spearheaded by Tom and Pat years ago lead to the RESULT THAT THE SALES OF BULLION AND COINS INSIDE PENNSYLVANIA WERE TAX EXEMPT. If this repeal action gains any traction, WPNS and PAN members will be asked to deluge the PA Legislature with letters and phone calls as this taxation would seriously hurt the COIN BUSINESS INSIDE PENNSYLVANIA.
  - f. Finally, Ted and Blaine mention that a customer brings a 1813 and 1818 Brazilian Coins into the shop. Ted reviews the coins and notes that one of these coins is a MEXICAN COIN. Ted then goes further in solving this puzzle as he determines that this Mexican 8 reale coin has been restamped into a Brazilian coin.
- 6) **PRESENTATION** – Malcolm J. gives an excellent presentation on “IRRADIATED DIMES.”
  - 7) **SHOW & TELL** – Dick G. mentions that he has found a 1962 SPHINX postcard that has all the Original SPHINX Members listed on the back.
  - 8) **ADJOURNMENT** – The Meeting is adjourned at 9:15 PM.