

## Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society



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### Minutes from the WPNS meeting held at Mt Lebanon United Methodist Church on 06 July 2021

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President Corleen Chesonis gaveled the meeting to order at 19:50.

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes were read by members participating in the Heinz History Center annual business meeting. Minutes were approved as submitted.

#### Treasurer's Report

Larry Hufnagel reported the WPNS Checking account had \$1,906.88 on 30 June 2021. Larry made a motion to pay the Church (through Mike Drabick) for the year's space rental. Motion was seconded and members present unanimously approved the motion.

#### Committee Reports

Mike Drabick had no eBay sales in since his last sale. But he should be selling again soon.

No new updates on the website that Joshua Penn is developing. Stuart Strickland has updated the site with some recent meeting minutes but needs more to fill in the gaps. Malcolm Johnson will look through his records and send what he has to Stuart.

#### Correspondence

The Club Secretary received information concerning web hosting which was passed to the President, seems to be much more costly than our current arrangement.

#### Member News

Tom Fort was unable to attend the July meeting as he has experienced a medical emergency that put him in the ICU. Richard Jewell has been in touch with Tom and will keep us posted on his condition. We all wish Tom and Gosia the best.

#### Old Business

Quite a while ago, Wayne Homren had proposed that the club go through the WPNS archives from 1909 to the present to identify significant documentation for archiving at the Newman Numismatic Portal, Washington University, St. Louis. The WPNS records prior to 1909 are already archived there. Corleen proposed we begin our September meeting one hour early and go through the records at that time. Records are currently held at the Storage Space held by PAN in Washington, PA.

### New Business

Corleen mentioned the enjoyable visit by the club to the Heinz History Center in June. She will send a thank you card to Bob Stakely at the History Center, on behalf of the club.

Corleen asked if the members wanted to continue to hold our annual dinner at Scoglio's. Members present agreed. Rich Gaetano has a colleague who should be able to provide an education presentation at the dinner. More to follow on that.

The club is going to look into buying a commemorative tile at the History Center. The tile could be inscribed with the club name, etc. It appears the cost would be \$500 and contributions would be solicited from the members as opposed to using the club's checking account to pay for the tile.

### News of Interest

Tom Uram showed a couple of his recent acquisitions from the British Royal Mint. The first coin was a tribute to the Rock Band The Who, 2 pound denomination, 1 ounce silver, featuring The Who logo and an electric guitar with pinball controls. The second coin was the 2021 Queen's Beast in cupro-nickel showing all 10 Queen's Beasts surrounding the bust of Queen Elizabeth II on the reverse. Tom indicated that the Queen's Beast coin will also be available as a 2 ounce silver proof.

### Presentation

"1933, why so few coins?" – Mike Drabick walked us through the history of 1933, arguably the worst year of the depression, while exploring the question, why so few coins were minted in the U.S. in 1933. Mike looked at all the economic and social issues, Mike also looked at other major countries' coinage (their mintages were not low) and was unable to definitively pinpoint a reason. However, it was a fascinating walk through a time most of us have never experienced and the club members thoroughly enjoyed Mike's presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:08, there were 13 members present.