

# THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

## MINUTES FOR THE:

Tuesday March 1, 2022 Meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:47PM, with 7 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 no online 2-28-2022 February statement is available as of 3-1-2022. \$213.01 was deposited by mail on 2-8-2022 so the approx balance as of 2-28-2022 is \$1852. Two \$100 checks written on the WPNS account still must be issued in remembrance of Ted Shiff and Tom Fort.
- 2) **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Nothing to report.
- 3) **CORRESPONDENCE** – Nothing to report.
- 4) **OLD BUSINESS** – Nothing to report.
- 5) **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. 3 Guests are at this meeting and they were asked to introduce themselves – Isabelo has been here before and with his children getting older is considering spending more time on his coin interests. A couple attends as the Wife inherited her Father's collection and has been attending various coin club meetings in hopes of learning more about coins.
  - b. Corleen C. mentions possibly selling the "Allegheny Project" books on the Internet to raise funds for our WPNS Club. Ed K. states he believes a Ray Burns copy of the Allegheny Project went for \$300. Corleen gives one copy to Rich C. for possible sale on EBAY.
  - c. Corleen C. states she received an email from Nick G. (currently living in Rochester NY). The intent of this email is to have the Monthly WPNS speaker to write a 'paragraph summary' about the talk which they will be giving at the current month meeting, and to have the summary then included in the MINUTES FOR THAT MONTH. Corleen C. then goes one step further and requests that this SPEAKER 'paragraph summary' be sent to Rich C. PRIOR TO THE MONTHLY WPNS MEETING so that Rich C. can include this 'speaker summary' with his meeting reminder notice for the upcoming monthly meeting.
- 6) **PRESENTATION** – Ed K. gives an excellent presentation on "COIN CLEANING."
  - a. Ed K. starts off his presentation by stating that "Everyone says not to clean coins, but everyone knows a few dealers or a few collectors who have cleaned coins."

Ed references an older book which he believes is the “Bible for Coin Cleaning” and the book is the COIN PRESERVATION HANDBOOK by Charles Frank.

- b. Ed then goes on to mention a few products which are used to clean coins. The first product is “MS70” which makes brilliant coins even more brilliant. MS70 has lye in it. The second product is “EASYESTES”. The main ingredient in the product is urea. The third product is “TARNYX”. Tarnyx is basically the same as Easyestes but has an acid added into its ingredient mix.
  - c. Ed then gives a few demonstrations and cleans a few coins.
    - i. His first recommendation is to never use a toothbrush but use q-tips when doing your cleaning.
    - ii. Ed begins his demonstration by working on a coin with “LACQUER THINNER” as this is the first step in the cleaning process. Lacquer thinner will leave the coin with a slight amount of toning, but this step allows you to now have “straight coin metal” to continue the cleaning process.
    - iii. Step 2 then is to use one of the products mentioned above in point 6-b, either MS70, EASYESTES or TARNYX. Ed recommends dipping a Q-TIP into the solution / paste / chemical and then rubbing the coin with the q-tip.
    - iv. Step 2.5 is “you must take extreme care not to scratch the coin while you are cleaning it with the q-tip and the solution / paste / chemical.
    - v. Step 3 is to then rinse the coin in running water or distilled water. Rain water is similar to distilled water.
    - vi. Step 4 – after the water cleansing removes any solutions or paste on the coin, then place the coin in a cloth towel and pat the coin dry. Do not rub the coin or polish the coin with the towel, simply pat it dry.
  - d. The INTENTION of this cleaning is to remove any dirt or particles on the coin and to GET SOME LUSTER back on the coin, as LUSTER makes all coins shine and makes them much more attractive.
  - e. Ed K. and Blaine S. state that they have cleaned numerous coins and then submitted them to Third Party Grading (TPG) Services which then return the coin “which Ed K. or Blaine S. have cleaned” with an AU or MS Graded Status. Blaine stated that one of his “cleaned” coins – a Russian Ruble came back with a grade of MS66+ - the highest grade ever for a coin of that type, and is now worth a pretty penny or “pretty ruble”.
- 7) **SHOW & TELL** – Nothing to report.
- 8) **ADJOURNMENT** – The Meeting is adjourned at 9:30 PM.