

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society



Minutes from the WPNS meeting held at Mt Lebanon United Methodist Church on 02 Aug 2022

President Mike Drabick gaveled the meeting to order at 19:35, there were 12 members present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. There is a small change required in a section relating to taped member presentation from the past. Corleen is not in possession of the cassette tapes. Wayne has them, and is providing them to the Newman Portal. Change will be made.

Treasurer's Report

Larry Hufnagel reported the WPNS Checking account had \$1,635.55 on 31 July 2022.. The current total includes a deposit of \$93 and our annual rent payment of \$250 to the Church. During a brief discussion, it was noted that the overall finances are much improved since the club increased the dues to \$20 approximately four years ago.

Committee Reports

No Committee reports.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Member News

Tom Uram told us he had attended to Royal Canadian Numismatic Association convention in Ottawa. It was a relatively small bourse with approximately 60 very friendly dealers present. The Royal Canadian Mint had the biggest booth on the floor and Tom left some hard-earned American wealth with the RCM. Tom was also very impressed with his visit to the RCM, perhaps a subject for a future talk? Malcolm said he planned on attending in Halifax N.S. next summer.

Old Business

Mike mentioned that he had no volunteers for speaker in September and February. Malcolm asked if it would be OK if he used the September slot to introduce a presentation for newbies to the hobby, Malcolm wants feedback, critiques (gentle), and suggestions from his esteemed colleagues. Isabelo agreed to take the February slot, topic TBD ASAP. Corleen will arrange to compile and publish the speaker list in time for the October PAN show.

Mike read an email from Wayne Homren concerning the club materials submitted to the Newman Portal. Surprisingly, the oldest material dates to 1909, Work on the WPNS materials should be completed soon.

Tom Uram is going try and obtain a first-class speaker for our November banquet. Name will be revealed when Tom gets a YES. As has been recent tradition, the banquet will be held at Scoglio's.

Club Auction

We had another successful auction of member donated items this month. The highlight was a \$25 winning bid on a copy of the hardbound auction catalog for the King Farouk 1933 Double Eagle. A total of \$55 was raised for the club. Any members wishing to auction a donated item should email Mike Drabick with a description of the lot(s).

New Business

Rich Jewell asked the members if any of them were able to do a numismatic related presentation on the Friday of the October PAN show. Mike Drabick volunteered to do his presentation about crypto currencies. Malcolm Johnson may do a "Coin Collecting for Beginners" presentation on KidZone Saturday.

Presentation

Larry Hufnagel did a well-researched talk about the "American Coinage Renaissance, 1916-1921". Larry discussed the desire that President Roosevelt for new and vibrant designs for all the nation's coinage and his collaboration with Augustus St. Gaudens to make it a reality. Through their efforts, every coin design except the quarter and half Eagle were changed with beautiful timeless designs that still astonish to this day. The club members leaned a great deal and thoroughly enjoyed Larry's talk.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:08.