

Minutes from the WPNS meeting  
Held at Mount Lebanon United Methodist Church  
On September 5, 2023

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The President, Mike Drabick called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. He opened the meeting with a quick auction of coins and proof sets, and two books about Pittsburgh donated by a friend of Mike Drabick.

#### Minutes from the previous meeting

The reading of the Minutes was disrupted with Mike's oral update on the merit badge and scouts' participation as pages during the ANA convention in August. After the minutes were finished, they were approved as read.

#### Treasurer's report

Larry did not have the printed statement and gave only an oral report, because he is unable to print the statements from the bank since spring.

#### Committee reports

There were no committee reports.

#### Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report on.

#### Old business

There is no progress on the updating and upgrading WPNS website. We are waiting for a person with a passion to spearhead this project.

The idea of having a meeting at the Fort Pitt Museum was discussed and rejected, because of lack of convenient parking for this venue. We hope to stay with Heinz History Center for one meeting a year, since this location is both convenient and attractive.

Members shared some thoughts on the organization and participation in the World's Fair of Money in Pittsburgh. Rich Jewell gave a short evaluation from the point of view of organizers. The welcome dinner was very well received. The weak point was a lack of an ATM in the Convention Center, which forced dealers and participants to use the hotel's ATM which had a limit on withdrawals. ANA banquet, with Tom Uram as a star, was another nice event. PAN treated all volunteers to a nice dinner at Scoglio's after the event. Attendance was low, but despite that dealers were satisfied.

Isabelo gave a presentation to the group of Filipino coin collectors which was highly praised.

Charles Ambrass got 1<sup>st</sup> place for his exhibit on Andrew W. Mellon.

### New business

PAN show: Jewell gave an update on the approaching PAN show (all tables sold, lectures ready to be presented on Friday 12-4pm). Mike asked if we could request and add the popular ANA grading class, but Rich said that slots are already booked.

WPNS banquet: Corleen gave update on the WPNS banquet, which would be on 2<sup>nd</sup> of November in Scoglio's. Rich asked not to involve Tom in organization of the banquet, since he is very busy. Mike will talk with Scoglios. Ryan Spak will be a backup person. We will approach Ben to be a speaker for the banquet.

Application to join the Society from Ryan Spak: Ryan stepped out when the members discussed the application. Corleen distributed the ballots. After they were filled out, collected and counted, the vote to accept Ryan Spak as member was pronounced unanimous. Ryan re-joined the gathering, and everyone welcomed him as a new member of WPNS.

Get well card: Since Pat McBride is recovering from a second stroke, the members discussed possible gift to go with get well card. Between healthy snacks and less healthy but more appreciated beer as choices, it was agreed that Mike will deliver beer, Larry will send a healthy gift, and Corleen will send a card to wish Pat a quick recovery.

Drabick reported briefly on a talk on sovereigns he gave during the Britsburgh: a festival of Britain in Pittsburgh.

After conclusion of the business part of the meeting, Larry Korchnak gave a thrilling presentation entitled Newark Hybrid: a numismatic anomaly from the English Civil War. He published the paper on this subject in Coin News in July. Richard Jewell asked about surviving dies of the siege coins and Larry talked about those he was aware of. Blaine Shiff grilled Larry about the weights.

The presentation was followed up by a regular show and tell during which members share the news about items from their collections.

### Concluding of the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Present: There were 12 members in attendance.

Minutes submitted by Gosia Fort, Recording Secretary