

Minutes from the WPNS meeting
held at Mount Lebanon United Methodist Church
on October 3, 2023

The President, Mike Drabick called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. He opened the meeting with a quick auction of five items to benefit WPNS.

Minutes from the previous meeting

The Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved without any changes.

Treasurer's report

Larry fixed the printing problem he had with the bank. He got all the missing statements and attached to his report. At the end of September 2023 we had \$2,144.22 in the account.

Committee reports

There were no committee reports.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report on.

Old business

Updates on WPNS banquet: Speaker for the banquet was confirmed. It will be Ben Costello. Tom had the preliminary talk with Scoglio's. Corleen requested to notify her about the date and time, because the restaurant usually needs a head count a week before. It turned out that the requested date is not available. We need to change the date or choose another venue.

Ryan's membership in WPNS has been formalized and his dues paid.

Corleen brought new freshly printed WPNS programs for year 2023/2024, some of which we want to distribute among attendees of the upcoming PAN show.

Tickets for the Fall raffle to raise some extra funds for PAN are still available.

Members are encouraged to sell them.

New business

Jewel informed everyone about the passing of Tom Corey's wife. According to her wishes the ceremony will be very private and gifts, flowers etc are discouraged. Tom is very emotional, but he promises to run the exhibits at the PAN show.

Mike is back at eBay and a small contribution from his sales went to the WPNS treasury.

Nevin asked for the update on the Allegheny Project. With the contribution from several members here is a brief summary. Allegheny Project's aim was to create a comprehensive catalog of exonomia in Allegheny County. Though advanced, it was

stalled by inability to convert paper product to the carrier of the day (different and frequently changing disks) technology changed too fast for us to stay relevant. Therefore, it was never finished or ready to be digitized. However, WPNS had in its archives the paper version of the planned database, and after sorting the materials, de-duplicating it and organizing, majority had been passed on to Homren to be digitized for the Newman Portal. Since Wayne Homren was the "delivery man" he should be the best person to ask for the update. The rest of the materials had been returned to WPNS storage (at Tom Uram's facility). Members shared information on who was working on what bits of the Allegheny Project. Ed said that Larry Dziubek never stopped updating his database of Allegheny County tokens, so his database is bigger than the original segment of Allegheny Project. He also offered to donate his database.

Mike brought some numismatic books and asked members to look at them, evaluate and advice what to do with them. He also mentioned some numismatic store he visited - Olevian Numismatic Rarities in Shadyside - and shared his impressions. Richard Jewell talked about PAN Show happening October 19-21, 2023 and gave the rundown of all the planned lectures.

After conclusion of the business part of the meeting, Mike Drabick gave his presentation on the Boy Scouts of America and the War Bonds.

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 9:16 pm.

Present: There were 13 members in attendance.

Minutes submitted by Gosia Fort, Recording Secretary