

## Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society



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### Minutes from the WPNS meeting held at Mt Lebanon United Methodist Church on 02 March 2021

President Corleen Chesonis gaveled the meeting to order at 1950.

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Malcolm Johnson read the minutes from our last meeting on 02 Feb 21, the minutes were approved as read.

#### Treasurer's Report

Larry Hufnagel reported the WPNS Checking account had \$1745.28 as of 28 Feb 2021.

Larry collected 2021 dues from additional members and received \$20.22 from Mike Drabick's Ebay sales. Mike also reported that his wife had gratefully received the \$50 gift from WPNS to thank her for her baking prowess. Mike added an additional \$50 because Happy Wife, Happy Life.

Larry wrote a check in the amount of \$131 to Stuart Strickland to compensate him for his funding of our web services.

#### Committee Reports

Mike Drabick donated \$22.22 from his recent Ebay sales to WPNS.

The website remains in stasis

#### Correspondence

Richard Crosby reported that there was no correspondence of consequence since his last report.

#### Old Business

Tom Fort was in attendance for the first time since health challenges prevented him from attending for over a year. Tom thanked the members for the condolence card sent after his father's recent passing.

Tom and Gosia brought the box of the printed bi-fold presentation schedules for 2020-2021. The printing costs were graciously donated by the Forts.

Corleen mentioned the WPNS Archives project that had been suggested by Wayne Homren back in early 2020. There was originally going to be a volunteer group to go through the post 1909 archives and present them to the Newman Portal for digitizing. That effort would have probably begun by now but is now on hold for the foreseeable future.

## New Business

Corleen was wondering if the history center would be able to support our General Meeting in June? She proposed waiting until next month and having someone call the History Center to determine if they are able.

Officer elections are set for June. Richard Crosby and Tom Uram will comprise the nominating committee and will determine who have interest in remaining a club officer. Corleen said that after 4 years as President, she is not inclined to seek another term.

There was much discussion of the May PAN show and how the continuing shutdown of large national shows is helping the PAN show with higher dealer interest and publicity. Blaine Shiff felt that the October PAN show was arguably the best or second-best show in the country last year. Many dealers reported that it was one of the best shows they had attended. Tom Uram mentioned they are trying to get the bigger hall at the Monroeville Convention Center for the future, but PAN may be stuck in the smaller hall in May since a dance competition already has the bigger venue booked. Negotiations with the Monroeville show are planned.

Mike Drabick proposed handing out the WPNS meeting/speaker schedule at the May PAN show. After some discussion, Malcolm Johnson offered to modify a flyer that Tom Fort had developed as an alternative. Malcolm sent out the modification draft to Tom, Mike, and Corleen shortly after the meeting adjourned.

It was decided to try a 1930 meeting start at the April meeting. This is a popular time as some of the members drive long distances and wish to get home at a more civilized hour. The doors would open at 1915 to ensure previous space users had vacated.

If Ed Krivoniak is unable to attend the April meeting, Mike Drabick will do the member presentation.

## News of Interest

### Presentation

“Bryan Money” Tom Uram skillfully walked us through the history of gold and silver monetary policy in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Tom also provided a deep analysis of the political commentary hidden in L. Frank Baum’s Wizard of Oz. Tom Uram, and Richard Crosby brought examples of Bryan (William Jennings Bryan) money for member viewing. An interesting note, Mr. Bryan lost his bid for the Presidency by a narrow margin. One wonders how different the country would have been if he had won.

The meeting was adjourned at 2139, there were 13 members present.