

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



Minutes from the WPNS meeting held at Mt Lebanon United Methodist Church on 03 Jan 2023

President Mike Drabick gavelled the meeting to order at 1950, there were 11 members and one guest present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from the 06 December 2022 meeting were read and accepted.

Visitor Introduction

Rich Heintz from the South Hills Coin Club attended today's meeting. Rich said that he started collecting at a very young age when silver coins were still in circulation, he recalled giving the silver coins he found to a friend and thinking, at the time, that silver coins were no big deal. Rich now regrets that youthful hubris and has gone on to collect almost anything that can be collected. Our kind of guy!!! Rich was provided a WPNS membership application, we are hoping he decides to join us.

Treasurer's Report

Larry Hufnagel reported the WPNS Checking account had \$1722.39 on 31 Dec 2022. This total included a deposit of \$76 and a withdrawal of \$50 for Mike Drabick's wife. This is a very healthy balance to end 2022.

Committee Reports

Mike Drabick reported EBAY sales yielding \$11 for the club coffers. Mike regularly hosts EBAY sales and donates 5% of his sales as expenses are deducted. Thank You Mike!!!

Correspondence

There was a correspondence regarding payment for our internet hosting services, this was passed to Stuart Strickland (webmaster) for action.

Club Auction

2 items were sold for a total of \$21. All members are encouraged to bring items of general interest to our club meetings to be auctioned off for the benefit of the club treasury.

Old Business

Corleen Chesonis received an email from Wayne Homren regarding the WPNS materials that were sent to the Newman Portal for upload. The job is done and all the materials are now viewable on the Newman Portal. The materials will be sent back to Tom Uram in the near future.

New Business

Malcolm Johnson made a motion to endorse Tom Uram for ANA President. Although the club does not normally endorse candidates for ANA offices, we do make exceptions for WPNS members. The motion was seconded and the club members voted to endorse Tom Uram. Mike Drabick will contact the ANA at money.org to officially post our endorsement.

Malcolm Johnson made a motion to resume providing Educational Awards (through the ANA) to our monthly speakers. This was apparently done in the past but stopped at some point. The motion was seconded and the club members voted to endorse the resumption of Educational Award presentations. As an aside, these certificates are awarded by the ANA, once they are notified, and are quite attractive.

Presentation

Larry Hufnagel provided a detailed history of the interaction between President Teddy Roosevelt and Augustus St. Gaudens that led to the artistic collaboration now known as the "Renaissance of American Coinage". "Striking Change" by Michael R. Moran was Larry's reference inspiration but Larry provided a great deal of additional information and his own passion to mesmerize the club members present. The club members thoroughly enjoyed all the history and we're all hoping the "Striking Change" story can be featured at the May 2023 PAN spring show. Bravo Zulu Larry!!!!

The Meeting Adjourned at approximately 2140.