

**Minutes from the WPNS meeting
held at Mount Lebanon United Methodist Church
on December 5th, 2017**

The President, Corleen Chesonis called the meeting to order at 8:05pm.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report: Larry Hufnagel presented Treasurer's report (attached to the minutes) and asked if we want to thank Mike's wife for all her baking like last year. The proposal to expend the \$50 to purchase a gift certificate was voted and unanimously approved. Larry also remarked that each year WPNS funds are slightly decreasing. Corleen stated that we were still doing ok with boosting the account by collecting dues. Short discussion on the club financial situation followed: Ed suggested asking Newman Portal for money since they just gave some funds to PAN, but Richard commented that they give away money without solicitation and they do not have procedures in place for applying for financial support. He suggested instead to give \$100 donation to PAN, because purchasing the fundraiser ticket gives Club the chance to win \$10,000. His proposal was accepted by majority vote. Tom said that maybe next year we should consider increasing the annual dues to \$20. The matter was not discussed any further.

Committee reports: Skipped

Correspondence: Nothing

Old business: Corleen commented that the annual banquet was a success: the new place was very nice and had good food, so the consensus is we need to use the same venue next year, which would make planning the next banquet very easy, since Mike has already lined up a speaker and got confirmation from him.

New business: Rich Crosby suggested ordering more ANA Educational Certificates, which falls onto Vice President. Matt commented that printing them based on our planned program was a hassle because people sometimes change the title of their presentation. He suggested making a bigger deal out of rewarding those Educational Certificate and do it only once a year at the Annual Banquet. This proposal met with enthusiasm and was accepted unanimously. It was followed by Mike suggestion to combine it with some coin related award, but the members' attitude was that the certificates aim to reward the numismatic research rather than collecting and that we get good presentations without extra incentives.

Tom Fort announced that he was elected a Fellow of the American Numismatic Society in New York, organization devoted to study coins, money, medals and tokens.

Stu reported that next month he would request to be reimbursed for the website hosting fees.

Ted announced that he would be teaching a course on precious metals at CMU for their OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute (Course title: All About Gold, Platinum and Silver).

After the business part of the meeting was concluded, Matt Campbell presented a talk on the aviation history through numismatics.

Concluding of the meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Present: There were 14 members and no guests present.

Respectfully submitted by Gosia Fort, Recording Secretary