

Minutes from the WPNS meeting held at Mt Lebanon United Methodist Church on 05 July 2022

President Mike Drabick gaveled the meeting to order at 19:35. There were 12 members present including long-time member Nevin Greninger who had not been able to attend for an extended period. Good to see Nevin again.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes for the June meeting were read by Corleen Chesonis who was one of the attendees at the Heinz History Center June meeting. Minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report

Per Treasurer Larry Hufnagel: The WPNS bank account balance as of 2022-06-30 is \$1,792.43. During the meeting, an auction of art books realized \$23 and additional dues were collected to be reflected in future Treasurer's reports.

Committee Reports

No committee reports.

Tom Uram is soliciting candidates for the 2022/2023 Club Officer vacancies.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Old Business

Wayne Homren returned additional Allegheny Project materials to Mike Drabick at the May PAN show. Mike has returned these items for storage in Washington PA. Materials that Wayne sent to the Newman Portal for digitizing will be returned at a later date.

Mike Drabick made a motion that instead of trying to sell Allegheny Project copies, since interest in purchasing seems very minimal, that we give excess copies to anyone that requests a copy. There was general agreement to this idea.

Wayne Homren is in possession of cassette tapes of some very old member presentations at past meetings. They are from a while ago so many of the members presenting may no longer be associated with the club. These will also be provided to the Newman Portal. [correction from August meeting]

New Business

Mike Drabick auctioned four art books during the meeting and donated the \$23 proceeds to the club treasury. Mike said that for future meetings, he would encourage members to bring in their own items for auction with the proceeds to go to the club. This could be excess books from your own personal library or..... Sounds like an excellent idea.

Our excellent Past President Corleen Chesonis turned over materials related to her administration to our new President Mike Drabick. Other club officers will remain the same, but we may need to find a replacement for our Sergeant of Arms as Mike has vacated that vital position.

The date for this year's November club banquet will remain the first Tuesday of November, but in future years the club will consider moving the banquet to October to avoid interference with Election Day.

Members that attended the June meeting at the Heinz History center raved about the presentation and how it weaved the paintings of Mr. John Kane into the blue-collar history of Pittsburgh. Although his paintings were not highly skilled, they were compelling, and Mr. Stakely from Heinz did a great job hosting club members. There was a thought of inviting members from other clubs in the future but that would have to be cleared by Mr. Stakely and certainly would be limited to 20 total with WPNS members enjoying priority.

Congratulations were extended to members Tom Uram and Pat McBride for their recognition by the American Numismatic Association. Tom is the ANA's Numismatist of the Year and Pat is the recipient of the Adna G. Wilde Distinguished Service Award. It is an honor being among such accomplished gentlemen, a big Bravo Zulu to them both.

Members brought some interesting items to show off during the meeting highlighted by Rich Crosby's Potty Seated Liberty Dime, Dick Gaetano's world's largest medal (or is it a plaque), and Malcolm Johnson's Tom Uram slab signed 1921 Morgan Dollar.

Presentation

Malcolm Johnson provided a brief history of the U.S. Trade Dollar through his collection of four very different examples. It was well received, and members especially enjoyed Malcolm's brevity.