

# THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Mount Lebanon United Methodist Church at 3319 West Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15216

## Minutes from March 3, 2026

WPNS President Michael Drabick called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. Ten members and three guests present.

### Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

### Treasurer's Report

- Dues of \$240 collected in February were deposited.
- Account balance as of February 28 was \$1,485.80 (motion Uram, Shiff 2<sup>nd</sup>).

Correspondence: None.

Committee Reports: None.

### Announcements:

- South Hills show was successful; dealers went away happy. There was still a lot of snow left over from the January 25 storm. A couple of dealers were no-shows.
- Upcoming coin shows: Castle Shannon, March 22, April 12, May 17; North Hills, March 29; Meadville, April 12; PAN, May 28-30; Greensburg (N. Huntingdon/Circleville), June 14.
- The North Hills show will be in a different location due to water damage at the contracted location. It will be in the same town – Zelienople, just off I-79 – but a different building, the new Steamfitters union hall.

### Membership:

- Of the three guests, one is Kushal Shinde, a long-time member of the South Hills Coin Club.

### Old business:

- Prior to the meeting, one lot was auctioned off, a 1962 sports magazine.
- There was also a give-away of copies of *The Numismatist*, circa 2019.
- During the meeting, while nothing came up for a vote, members present recounted all the places the club has met in the past few decades.

New business:

- For the ANA show in August, the medal for the show will feature the fountain in Schenley Park designed by Lincoln cent designer Victor David Brenner.
- No other items were brought up for a vote.

Presentation – Tom Uram, Canadian bank notes. A brief review: Queen Victoria was the first monarch to appear on Canadian notes. Their notes shrunk from approximately the size of large size U.S. notes in 1935; the U.S. made the switch in 1928. In turn, notes from 1902 feature King Edward VII, from 1911 feature George V, from 1936 feature George VI, and from 1953 feature Queen Elizabeth II. A few notes over the years have both the current king and his queen. More modern notes in the past four decades have begun featuring notable Canadians, often but not always a former prime minister. One famous but rare variety on an early QE2 note features what looks like the head of a devil in her hair styling. While initially hard to spot, once you see it you cannot un-see it. As to denominations, Canada retired their \$1 and \$2 notes in the 1980s, successfully replacing them with \$1 and \$2 coins.

Tom also passed around notes graded by ICCS, the international equivalent of PCGS.

Followed by show & tell. Among the more notable items: a 1928 MS66 \$20 gold, one of the finest known; an 1868 3¢ silver, and an 1880 shield nickel.

Adjourned at 9:22.

Minutes submitted by Stuart Strickland, Recording Secretary.