

Minutes
Hamilton Township Philatelic Society
Hamilton Township Free Public Library
Hamilton, New Jersey
March 17, 2015

The March meeting of the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society was called to order by President Jeff Boyarsky at 7:15pm with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 23 members and one visitor in attendance.

Officer Reports

Reading of the Minutes – In order to speed up the proceedings, it was agreed that the minutes from the previous meetings would be posted and placed on our website but not read.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Ron González reported that as of February 24th, the club treasury had a balance of \$2,979.31. This does not include payments to NOJEX for membership and an ad in the program booklet. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read was made by Ed Murtha and seconded by Joe Seliga. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors & Guests

We had a visitor, John Rusnak, Jr. from Chicago. His late father, John Rusnak, Sr., was an early member of the HTPS. John does not collect stamps but has inherited his father's collection.

Old Business

Club Positions – Jeff Boyarsky and Bill Andersen will be arranging a meeting for anyone interested in holding an HTPS officer or support team position. Tony Zingale noted that we are in great need of a Program Coordinator.

NOJEX – The NOJEX stamp show will be from May 29-31 at the Empire Meadowlands Hotel in Secaucus. Ed Murtha is looking for volunteers to help with the set-up on Thursday, May 28. Please contact Ed if you are interested in helping out. Gary Loew noted that due to damage to the convention center, the show has been moved to the hotel ballroom. Also, since the parking garage collapsed during a recent snow storm, parking will be in a lot further down from the hotel.

Stamps for the Wounded - Ken Steel and Tony Zingale reported that they received acknowledgements for the donations (7 lbs of stamps and \$640) to the "Stamps for the Wounded" program.

New Business

Membership – Ron González has sent a press release about our club to a number of local papers, such as *U.S.1* and *People Papers*.

Mugs - Ron González brought up the idea of having HTPS coffee mugs. He will look into the cost of having the mugs made and report back. There was also discussion about having additional HTPS shirts made. If there is enough interested we can place another order.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ed Murtha and seconded by Tony Zingale. The motion passed unanimously. The formal meeting was followed by a presentation by member Gary Loew on the importance of Gambia in the 1930's in the establishment of transatlantic mail service.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on April 21, 2015. We will have mini-presentations by some of our members.

Jack Sack (Secretary Pro Tempore)