

Minutes
Hamilton Township Philatelic Society
Hamilton Township Free Public Library
Hamilton, New Jersey
December 20, 2016

The December 2016 meeting of the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society was called to order by Vice President Dennis Kennedy at 7:15pm with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 20 members and no visitors in attendance.

Officers Reports

There was no reading of Minutes from the previous month's meeting. The minutes are posted and can also be read on our website.

Treasurer Dr. Ronald Gonzalez reported that there was \$2,889.88 in the Treasury. Motion to accept the Treasury Report was made by Len DeGroot and seconded by Andrew Boyajian. The vote to accept was unanimous.

Treasurer Dr. Ronald Gonzalez advised the members that 2017 annual dues are being collected now.

Old & New Business

The following is what transpired and it was a mixture of old and new business.

Membership

Jeff Boyarsky advised Vice President Dennis Kennedy that he is aware of only one of the 93 individuals mailed September invites inquiring about the Chapter. The one invitee is an APS official (Robert Bruce Marsden who is on the American Philatelic Society (APS) Board of Directors and the treasurer of the APS). He has recently moved to the New Hope area and has advised Jeff that he plans to visit the HTPS sometime in the New Year. I am not sure if this was the results of the mailing or Jeff directly inviting him upon learning of his move.

Vice President Dennis Kennedy mentioned that, in the new membership section of the American Philatelist magazine, there are five (5) people from our local area. Jeff Boyarsky advised Dennis that he would call them and make them aware of the HTPS.

Speakers

Bill Anderson was not in attendance.

Jeff Boyarsky was asked if he had any feedback from anyone at the Collectors Club of New York and the Westfield Stamp Club regarding speaking to HTPS. Jeff informed us that he has not yet reached out to any of them but that he would.

Publicity

Jeff Boyarsky had not contacted any of the local newspapers. He said that he would look into that.

APS Liaison

The APS has yet to contact Ron Kane about the role and functions of an APS representative. Ron is now looking at the new APS Ambassadorship program. It is supposed to be a new way for APS to communicate better with its Chapters.

Stamp Evaluation Committee

Vice President Dennis Kennedy opened for discussion the idea of creating a stamp evaluation committee. After some lengthy discussion on what the committee would, should, could do . . . it was decided to create a group to develop a plan on how to go about implementing it. The interested members are Dennis Kennedy, Bob Girmscheid, Don Getzin, Ron Kane, Andrew Boyajian, Jeff Boyarsky, Len DeGroot and Ken Steel. Dennis Kennedy plans to coordinate this effort and will set up a time, date and place to meet for a preliminary meeting of the group.

Stamps for the Wounded

Ken Steel advised the membership that he had just sent 11.5 pounds of stamps to the Stamps for the Wounded (SFTW) program. Thanks to our fellow HTPS members like Angelo Sanelli, Tony Zingale, Jim Cope and many others who have donated their stamps. Ken has more to send and he thanked our membership.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm before the Show & Tell. A motion to adjourn was made by Andrew Boyajian and seconded by Bob Holmes. Charlie McGinley won both 50/50's.

Show and Tell

Bill Schnug – Provided two excellent examples for the need of certifications /expertizing.

Don Getzin – Don showed part of his collection of 3c Washington issues from 1851 and 1857 which are red to red-brown. He actually showed some of the perforated varieties from 1857, Scott 25-30A. He uses a special numbering system that has many more varieties, colors, plate recuttings, etc. than Scott lists.

Andrew Boyajian – In honor of the passing of John Glenn US Marine, astronaut and US Senator, Andrew showed a series of space covers.

Ron Kane – Displayed a few philatelic finds from his recent worldwide travels including a pamphlet with some early stamps from Cochin Anchal (India).

Jim Cope – Showed an interesting Canadian postage stamp of a hockey player. The stamp actually looked more like a trading card than a stamp. Jim also displayed some recent ugly and truly bad stamp cancels on Christmas covers.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on January 17, 2017.

Submitted by
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Secretary