

Minutes
Hamilton Township Philatelic Society
Hamilton Township Free Public Library
Hamilton, New Jersey
February 21, 2017

The February 2017 meeting of the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society was called to order by President Milton Keiles at 7:15pm with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 25 members and two visitors in attendance.

New Members & Visitors

Robert Bennighoff visited and he is a world renowned stamp exhibitor. His specialty is Irish Definitive Coil stamps

George Dusichka visited. Andrew Boyajian advised me that George filled out the HTPS visitor's information form but he used his father's name, John, since he also collects US mint stamps and wanted any info forwarded to him.

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 \$3,056.12 in the Treasury. Motion to accept the Treasury Report was made by Jeff Boyarsky and seconded by Ken Steel.

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

Old Business

Vice President Dennis Kennedy advised that The HTPS Stamp Evaluation will take place on April 29th, at the Cranbury Library at 10:30AM. Flyers still have to be produced and distributed.

Vice President Dennis Kennedy informed the members that he is also looking into the Boy Scouts of America and setting up something to assist scouts in getting their Stamp Collecting Merit Badge.

Stamps for the Wounded - Ken Steel advised the membership that he had just sent 7.5 pounds of stamps to the Stamps for the Wounded (SFTW) program. Thanks to our fellow HTPS members. Ken has more to send and he thanked our membership.

New Business

Jeff Boyarsky stated that he had hired Andrew Kupersmit a professional philatelist to provide him a written estimate of his collection. Thomas DeLuca also a professional philatelist and HTPS member was in attendance. He has offered to provide the Society a presentation in October on getting your stamp collection appraised for both insurance and estate purposes. We assume that he would go over the various procedures used to reach the appraised valuation and the differential between the actual value vs catalog value or sale value vs insurance replacement value. Mr. DeLuca said that if the Society decides to accept his offer that he strongly recommends that we also encourage our spouses to attend.

President Milton Keiles mentioned that it may be nice to have someone provide us a presentation on Philatelic Exhibiting. It was mentioned that next month's speaker, Barbara Harrison, had done that for us a number of years ago. Visitor, Robert Benninghoff, offered to provide the Society a primer on Philatelic Exhibiting. As mentioned earlier, Mr. Bennighoff has exhibited and has won numerous philatelic exhibition awards from around the world.

Bill Andersen and Jeff Boyarsky are to contact Mr. DeLuca and Mr. Bennighoff to formalize and confirm these speaking offers.

50/50

Harold Gattsek won \$21 the first 50/50

Bill Andersen won \$6 the second 50/50

Rich Marolda won the Covers and Pin

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm before the talk by Thomas DeLuca. A motion to adjourn was made by Robin Rowan and seconded by Jim Cope.

Talk

Thomas DeLuca provided us a presentation on Disney Postcards, specifically novelty postcards from the 1930's to the present. His talk ended at 8:45PM.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on March 21, 2017.

Submitted by
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Secretary