

Hamilton Township Philatelic Society (HTPS) - Oct. 16, 2018

The seventh meeting of the calendar year took place on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018 at the Hamilton Township Library. The meeting began at 7:16 with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Dennis Kennedy. All HTPS officers, except vice-president Robin Rowand were present. Sixteen (16) present members, one new member (Tom McFarland - US Booklets, US Coils, Canada, Ireland) and two visitors attended the meeting. Everyone was asked to put their name on the sign-in sheet and to check the members list of collecting interests. It was announced that the minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurers report are posted on the board in the back of the room.

President Kennedy said that the trip to Washington, D. C. was cancelled due to lack of interest. We will try again in the Spring.

President Kennedy said that HTPS has conducted two Stamp evaluation Programs so far, one at the Cranbury library and one at the Monroe Library. He would like to do the third one at the Hamilton library in the Spring. Don Kane said that he volunteers to head the program. Bill Chrietzberg, Tony Zingale, Don Getzin, Dennis Kennedy and Matt Visco said that they would help. Dennis will prepare the posters.

It was announced that the NOJEX/ASDA Postage Stamp EXPO will be held this weekend, Friday Oct 19, Saturday Oct 20, and Sunday Oct 21, 2018 at the Hilton Meadowlands, 2 Meadowlands Plaza, East Rutherford, NJ 07073. Milt Keiles said that he is driving there and anyone who would like to go with him is welcome.

Ken Steel reported that our account has \$3,315.86 and that we made \$0.14 in interest. A motion made by Len deGroot and seconded by Don Bunger to accept the report passed unanimously.

Ken Steel said that for the month of June and July, 8 pounds 12 ounces were sent to the Stamps for the Wounded.

Jeff Boyarsky said that George Geiger's wife Beth donated her mothers lifetime collection to HTPS for the January auction. The contact was by a text message. The collection is mostly U. S. Their telephone number is 609-558-5860. A thank you call was made on Monday, October 22nd.

Harold Gattsek was in the hospital for eight days and is now in rehabilitation. A card was signed by all present to be sent to him.

A motion to adjourn was made by Len deGroot and seconded by Ron Gonzalez. It was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:32 pm.

The presentation began at 7:42 pm. The presentation at this meeting was "*Identifying the Eight United States 3 Cent Washington Stamp or a Brief Introduction to Flyspeck Philately*" by Don Getzin. He said that he brought an Ott light and the original stamps for examination. These issues were used between 1851 and 1861. The Scott catalogue lists 8 plates for the production of these stamps. The plates were numbered long after they were used. Some of the plates were reworked many times after problems occurred. There were Master Die Faults. He explained the many samples that he has and pointed out the problems. He also described the types and told how they could be determined. He spoke about the invention of the Chicago Perforation machine by Elijah W. Hadley, a dentist. It was a 12 ½ perf.

The stamps The presentation ended at 8:19.

Respectfully submitted, Joseph Francis Seliga, secretary