

Minutes
Hamilton Township Philatelic Society
Hamilton Township Free Public Library
Hamilton, New Jersey
September 17, 2019

The September 2019 meeting of the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society was called to order by President Dennis Kennedy at 7:15pm with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 22 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Officers Reports

Treasurer Ken Steel and Secretary Joseph Seliga were unable to attend the meeting. President Kennedy presented and then went over the annual 2019-2020 budget. He explained the expected annual expenses which are very similar to last year and the anticipated annual revenue for 2019-2020. There is a planned deficit of \$347.

There was a discussion on a \$600 donation that was made last year. The HTPS Executive Board had approved that approximately \$175 be reimbursement to Ken Steel for 2018/2019 postage fees that he has paid to ship stamps to the SFTW project during that timeframe. Another \$125 will remain in the HTPS Budget and this is to cover the 2019/2020 SFTW postage. The remaining \$300 is to be sent to John Hotchner for the SFTW project.

Andrew Boyajian asked what the actual time frame of the annual budget is. President Kennedy said from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020. There was a brief discussion of the \$100 expenditure for pizza & hoagies for the upcoming holiday party. Dr. Ronald Gonzalez's objection to this expense was noted. Don Getzin made a motion that the budget be accepted as read and Jeff Boyarsky seconded the motion.

President Kennedy then asked all members in attendance who accept the budget to say aye. All said aye. President Kennedy then asked all those not in favor of the budget to say nay. None was heard but Dr. Ronald Gonzalez's objection was noted again.

Visitors/New Member

There were two guests; Irene Sanelli, Angelo's wife, and Mr. Kamholz, our speaker.

Old and New Business

President Kennedy advised the membership that there were two sign-up sheets. One was for a tour of the Amazon Distribution Center in Robbinsville. A minimum of ten people are needed for this tour. The other sign-up was to assist Tony Zingale in the setting and taking down of the meeting room at our monthly meetings with the HTPS material that he brings to every meeting. President Kennedy said it did not include any setting up of tables/chairs since this is done by the library.

A tour of the USPS Hamilton NJ Distribution Center is trying to be arranged. Matt Visco advised President Kennedy that the Postmaster of the USPS Hamilton NJ Distribution Center was not available on the day Matt visited the Post Office. Matt will try again.

President Kennedy advised the membership of our participation in the Hobby Day at the Hillsborough Library in Somerset County and that 71 people attended. APS provided us a large box of stamps and other philatelic paraphernalia. Of the 71 attendees, possibly two would be interested in joining a stamp club.

Andrew Boyajian advised the membership that he will be handing out philatelic material to trick or treaters on Halloween. He suggested that we might want to think about doing something similar to possibly interest younger collectors. Andrew also suggested that we drop our weekly/monthly philatelic newspapers and periodicals off to the local library instead of recycling them.

Sid Morginstin told the membership that he plans on donating his excess books to the Bordentown Library. He also noted that at NOJEX he will have a table and that any current card carrying HTPS member will get a 10% discount – excluding Auction items.

Ed Murtha advised the membership of the upcoming talk on 18 September at the Collectors Club in NYC of Robert Benninghoff of Maple Shade, NJ. The Border between the Two Irelands. That on Saturday 28 September at Dutch Country Auction in Wilmington, DE between 9:30-2 there will be Stamp & Coin Day. Auctions at Siegel – George Kramer's Pony Express Collection on 25 September. The Spink Auction of the Jenny Invert Centerline Block on 27 September, The Cherrystone Auction of US Sheets and Multiples on 3 October and lastly the Rumsey Auction of John Barwis's Philadelphia Postal History on October 4-6. Mr. Murtha went on about the recent US stamp issues and then advised that the Westfield Stamp Club will be meeting on Thursday September 26 at 7:30. He thought that fellow HTPS member, Jeff Boyarsky was their guest speaker. That is not the case; Mr. Boyarsky will be speaking in October to the august Westfield Stamp Club.

Near the end of the formal portion of the meeting, President Kennedy asked all aspiring philatelic authors to consider writing an article for the Hamilton Hinge and to forward it on to Editor Tony Zingale. Sid Morginstin immediately advised Editor Zingale that he would be sending multiple articles that he has previously written on to him.

50/50

Ron Kane won the 50/50. Ron won \$25.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:44pm. Sid Morginstin made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Milt Keiles.

Speaker

Ken Kamholz, the Vice President of International Society of Japanese Philately and Publisher of Japan Philately. His topic was Japonica which he described as any non-Japanese issue which has something to do with Japan. He went on to provide examples of what exactly he meant by that description and then broke them down into various categories. It was an interesting and entertaining presentation. Mr. Kamholz is a good speaker and he held the attention of all in attendance. Mr. Kamholz has promised to send a copy of his presentation to Matt Visco. Matt will hopefully be able to add it to the HTPS Facebook and forward it on to Ed Murtha to add to the HTPS website.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on October 15, 2019. Our guest speaker will be Mac Sarreal of the Merchantville Stamp Club. His talk will be on Stamp Collecting Strategy and Outreach Programs.