

Norps Board Meeting – Annual Meeting on July 22, 2017
Minnesota Stamp Expo – Crystal Community Center

Those present were Rudi Anders, Susan Bushard, John Englund, Bert Harris, Paul Hempel, Joseph Johnson, Steve Lund, Mario Nardi, Al Sarvi, Brian Wilson and Antonio Len-Rios

Immediate Past President Gene Young was unable to attend and sent his apologies.

Paul Hempel called the meeting to order at 11 AM. He asked for the names of candidates for the officers of the Northern Philatelic Library. The only office open for election was that of the office of President, and Al Sarvi offered to run as president. As there were no other candidates a vote was held and he was elected by the board to be the new president.

The other NORPL elected offices were uncontested and those currently in those offices will continue to support the library in their respective capacities.

Once elected, Al Sarvi took the floor.

His first act was to formally recognize and thank Paul Hempel for the immense amount of work he put into the library. Members of the board erupted in spontaneous applause in honor of the new Immediate Past President.

Al then gave the floor to Bert Harris who provided those present with a copy of a yearly financial review.

Al then deferred to Paul to speak about our building status. Paul stated that his main goal was to complete the construction of a second bathroom. The existing bathroom in our extra office apartment just needs some cleaning to finish it off. He also noted that the sink in the back of the building is completely plumbed and the drain connected, he just needs to connect the water supply to the faucet.

As far as the purchase of the building Paul noted that we are still waiting on one document in order to close on the building. He suspected the soonest it would be closed was some time in August.

Rudi asked where we were with getting some air conditioning in the library, and Paul noted that this was in the plans as well as a new, more secure back door.

Al gave the floor to librarian Steve Lund. He gave a summary of the work with the Barbara Mueller collection. Steve and others at the library had compiled a complete list of the publications donated to the library and James Lee, a dealer in philatelic literature had, as a favor to the estate of Ms. Mueller, given an estimate of the value of the donation, which all told came to \$19,213.

Al reported that the red box program was continuing to garner a steady stream of donations. He also formally introduced his new project at the library called Stamp Academy. Every Wednesday from 10AM to 2PM, when he is in the library, anyone can come into the library with any questions they may have about stamps and he will assist them.

Al noted that going forward, board meetings will always be at 11AM and if a presentation is going to be made prior to the board meeting it will take place at 10AM.

Susan noted that she had received the annual renewal notice for our non-profit registration with the state of Wisconsin. Susan said she would inform the state of our new address in Minneapolis.

Steve Lund asked by what method we receive our mail. It was confirmed that at this time, mail is being delivered to our mailbox at the front door of the library in Minneapolis.

Brian asked if we would had looked into getting garbage pickup service at the library. It was determined that this is something that should be looked into as at this time members are taking bags of trash home with them to dispose of at their residences.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM.