

THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Mount Lebanon United Methodist Church at 3319 West Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15216

Minutes from April 1, 2025

WPNS President Mike Drabick called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. There were 13 members and two guests present. Blaine brought Dick Gaetano to the meeting!

Treasurer's Report

- No treasurer's report again, as Larry Hufnagel was not in attendance.
- Dues for 2025 are now due.
- Mike will take any dues collected tonight to Larry personally after April 15 when tax season is over.

Correspondence: None.

Committee Reports:

- Elections. The plan is to develop a slate of candidates in May and have the election in July.
- Programs. Also by July, we need to develop the list of programs through 2026.

Announcements:

- Stu reported no progress on the website.
- Looking for members to man the WPNS table at the PAN show. Plan B is to ask to share the PAN table, but others pointed out that this will not work, as it is too close to the heavy activity at the PAN registration table. The main need is to handle the sign-up sheet for the June meeting at the Heinz History Center so we can get an idea how many might attend.
- The next Castle Shannon shows will be April 13, May 18 and June 8.

Old Business:

- Internet bill. As mentioned in February, Stu paid the internet bill, \$159.48. No motion made as the treasurer was not here.
- Report on North Hills show. Estimated 30 dealers, 40 tables.
- PAN show. We will have the big room. Dates are May 29, 30 and 31.
- Heinz History Center meeting. The June meeting is on! Either Bob Stakely or his assistant will be in attendance. The meeting was well attended last year. This is not intended to be a regular business meeting. In past years, we elected officers in June, but more likely we will do that at our regular July meeting. For HHC, June 3 at noon, Ryan Spak will arrange for pizzas to be delivered.

New Business: None.

Presentation – Ryan Spak, “Daniel Carr and the Moonlight Mint”. In summary: Carr acquired a scrapped coin press formerly in operation at the Denver Mint from 1986 to 2001, and restored it to full operation. Ryan contacted him personally, so some of the presentation came directly from this interview. Carr submitted a design for the 2000 Sacagawea dollar coin, which although was not selected, got him invited to submit designs for the five 2001 state quarters. Of 25 people competing for five designs, he ultimately won two, for New York and Rhode Island.

His output is prolific. Many of his issues start with a real U.S. coin, restamped with his own images. Several samples were passed around at the meeting. Of his fantasy designs, two shown were a 1919 Peace dollar (the coin did not exist until 1921) and a 1995 Morgan dollar (the 1895 Philadelphia is a particularly rare date). Of his serious work, he produced a medal for the Colorado Springs Numismatic Society, where the ANA is located. His studio and press, doing business as the Moonlight Mint, is located in Loveland, Colorado, about an hour north of Denver; Colorado Springs is about an hour south of Denver.

See his full catalog at <https://www.moonlightmint.com>

Adjourned 8:55.

Minutes submitted by Stuart Strickland, Recording Secretary.

P.S. As this was going to press on April 15, I learned that Dick Gaetano passed away on April 13. I’m glad we all got to see him in person at the meeting.