

# THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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

## Minutes from May 6, 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.

### Treasurer's Report

- For last month, the balance as of March 31 was \$1,643.22. No deposits or debits.
- For this month, the balance as of April 30 was \$1,663.22, after deposits of \$20 and no debits.
- Dues for 2025 are now due.

Correspondence: None.

### Committee Reports:

- Elections. We do have a preliminary slate of candidates and will have the election in July.
- Programs. We still have openings for presentation of programs through 2026.

### Announcements:

- Stu reported no progress on the website.
- The next Castle Shannon shows will be May 18, June 8, July 13 and August 10.

### Old Business:

- Internet bill. The club reimbursed Stu \$159.48.
- PAN show, item #1. Stu will contact Corlene about last-minute exhibit table availability and the Friday May 30 presentation by Jeff Garrett on a Kentucky gold hoard. We want to get this information out within days of this meeting. Jeff Rose has PAN exhibit applications.
- PAN show, item #2. Discussion about volunteers to man the WPNS table. Ten WPNS medals will be made available at \$10 apiece. Mike D will have kids-only giveaways.
- Heinz History Center meeting. The June meeting will have to be held on a day other than our usual Tuesday due to space availability and prior engagements at HHC that day. Decision to move it to the next day, Wednesday, June 4.

### New Business

- Motion by Larry K to reimburse Ryan Spak for the pizza at the June meeting, up to \$75. Second by Blaine. Motion carried.
- Motion to donate an item to Bob Stakely at the Heinz History Center. Discussion: He cannot receive an outright donation of money, but a numismatic item as a gift would be in order, as

would a lottery ticket. Decision to purchase up to a \$30 item and a \$20 ticket. Motion Blaine, Tom second. Motion carried.

Presentation – Tom Uram with some help from Larry Korchnak. A discussion of older WPNS medals, Morse Code on money, the Pony Express, the telegraph and how it made the Pony Express obsolete, and finally how today's barcodes on commercial products evolved out of Morse Code. The idea for what became barcodes was developed in the late 1940s but was not commercially viable until better scanning technology evolved in the late 1960s. The first product with a barcode was Juicy Fruit gum in 1974.

Adjourned 9:26.

Minutes submitted by Stuart Strickland, Recording Secretary.