

THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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

Minutes from October 7, 2025

WPNS President Michael Drabick called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. Twelve members and one guest present.

Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. (Motion Nugent, second Hufnagel.)

Treasurer's Report

- Account balance as of September 30 was \$1,291.80. No transactions.

Correspondence: The club received two mailings from a company called Domain Listings. These appear to be bogus invoices for listing our website. Strickland observed that our listing is performed through Pair, based in Pittsburgh, and we have a zero balance. These letters warned that the site would be shut off in April 1 2025, which did not happen, so these can be disregarded. (Another clue is that they were mailed with "presort standard" postage, generally used on junk mail. An legitimate invoice would have been sent via First Class mail.)

Committee Reports

- Website: A question arose as to whether the site has a counter. A quick check does not appear to show one. Stu will look into implementing one.

Announcements:

- Upcoming coin shows: Castle Shannon on November 16, December 7.
- PAN still needs volunteers for helping dealers load in (Wednesday morning 9am) and out (Saturday 3pm). Spak Brothers Pizza will feed Wednesday volunteers.
- The new email is up and running. We are now at wpns1878@gmail.com, and is printed on our new handouts.

Old business:

- Draft copies of our 2025-26 presentations program were handed out to verify info.
- The banquet date will be Thursday, November 6, at Scoglio's in Upper St Clair. This is the same place PAN has its meetings.
 - We will need a minimum of 16 paying attendees.
 - Michael made arrangements with the venue. Food will be ordered from the menu. The club will pay for table-wide items like appetizers. Attendees will pay for their own food and drinks. Expect dinners to run about \$30.
 - We will have a private room with sliding doors and our own rest rooms.
 - Attendees should plan to arrive no earlier than 6. Begin ordering by 7.
 - We still need a speaker for the banquet. As mentioned last month, this does not need to be a numismatic topic since non-collecting spouses or guests may be present.
- The club email is not being monitored. Michael will set up a new Gmail account then set up a forwarding rule on the old one so that the new one receives any incoming mail. This will also mean updating the website and future handouts.
- A date has been agreed to for next year's meeting at the Heinz History Center but various details have not, such as exact time, which room will be made available, or staff availability. Discussions concerned how to publicize the event without having unexpected drop-ins.

New business: We took guesses as to what gold will be selling for on the day of the dinner, November 6. It very nearly hit \$4,000 today, closing at \$3,991. Guesses came in all over from a little over \$2,000 to almost \$5,000.

Presentation – Richard Crosby, "Circle of Friends medals, 1909-1915." Created by the Medallic Art Company of New York City. The first series of privately issued medals in the U.S.A. Some 500 (maximum, usually fewer) copies of a dozen medals were created in this seven-year period, available by subscription. Most are round, two rectangular, one oval. Fewer than 20 complete sets remain in the original bound books. Richard's is one of them.

The definitive book on the subject: "American Art Medals", David Thomas Alexander, 2010. ISBN 978-0-89722-317-1. These were \$375 for the set in 1977. Today, each will run > \$300.

Nobody had anything for show & tell.

Adjourned 8:29; motion Schiff, 2nd Krivoniak.

Minutes submitted by Stuart Strickland, Recording Secretary.