

Western Philatelic Library BOD Meeting October 24, 2012

The meeting opened at 4:06 PM with Pierre and Gil absent.

1. The minutes of the BOD meeting of September 26 were approved.

2 **Financial report:** was passed around to all by Jo. Our big expense was the \$2,000 purchase of journals from the Netherlands that we did not have in the library. It was approved. A motion by Jo to move the shelving fund to the building fund was made and seconded by Dave. It passed. Jo moved to have the tear sheet per page price raised from 15 cents to 50 cents, and the copy machine price from 10 cents to 25 cents. It was seconded by Mike. In the discussion it was decided anything over 10 sheets would be 25 cents a page for the tear sheets.

3. Library report:

a) Roger reported on a German individual who was doing a study on mail between Hamburg and London, but he could find nothing on it from the German or London libraries, but he found a tear sheet listed by The WPL on the subject on the internet.

b) The V.P. of the Royal Philatelic Society was looking for a book on forgeries by J.B. Moen, Falsification of Postage Stamps printed in 1862. We have it and a scan was sent. So far no response from the requester.

c) A CD that has a searchable file for foundations that give grants has been purchased by the library. It should arrive soon.

4. The website is still getting 850 to 900 hits per month.

5. We were sent a letter by the city to move from the premises by June 30, 2013.

6. a) A discussion was had about auction catalogs and whether we should keep saving them or not. They take up too much time and room for their value. It was decided to save only the special country sale catalogs and get rid of the rest. We are going to need to utilize as small a space as we can.

b) We decided to look for a space between 3,000 and 7,000 square feet. Found a place in Burlingame that had 4,800 square feet for \$724,000. Could be in our price range.

c) We are looking into Small Business Administration library loans. Mike is following up on that.

d) We are using loop.net.com for buildings available. Roger has access to the password for use of the site

7. Roger made a presentation to the BOD of Westpex asking for matching grant of \$10,000 for the building fund. The BOD said to come back when we have a plan of action of what we will do with the money.

Dave made a motion that the BOD pledge money to show our commitment to raising money for the building fund. It was seconded by Roger.. Stu pledged \$4,000, Dave \$2,000, Richard \$2,000, Mike \$1,000, Ed \$1,000, Roger \$2,000 and Jo \$2,000 for a total of \$14,000. Gil and Pierre were not present to pledge.

8) Book loans will cease during and before our move. We will try to sell some items.

9) We have 298 WPL members with 15 overseas. There are 112 Life members in the US and 8 overseas.. 41 US comps and 3 overseas.

10) Next workday is October 27, 2012.

11) Next BOD meeting is November 28, 2012