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The Friends of The Western Philatelic Library, Inc. is an organization of philatelists assisting in the growth and maintenance of the Western Philatelic Library.

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(Please keep the donations flowing!)

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<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/friends-of-western-philatelic-library-inc>



Bob Gordon, Editor

Editor's Corner

Thank you for your support of the Library during this difficult time. We are trying to stay healthy and hope that you are too.

Please consider donating at <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/friends-of-western-philatelic-library-inc> All donations are welcome as we try to replace income lost due to COVID-19. In the meantime, many improvements are being made to the Library to make it better than ever for the eventual day when we can re-open safely!

Want to connect with Western Philatelic Library?

Your best bet now is to email libry@att.net.

New Life Member!

Welcome to the newest Life Member of the Library:
Behruz Nassre

Thank you to our donors of material!

We are grateful to the following for
their recent donations of philatelic material
to The Friends of the Western Philatelic Library, Inc:

Akthem Al-Manaseer (San Jose), Morton Blatt (Mountain View), Tim Chervenak (Mountain View), Anatoly Chlenov (San Jose), Patrice Chloupek (San Jose), Richard Clever (San Jose), Doug Gary (Campbell), Clyde Homen (Hollister), John Kochever (San Jose), John Kofraneck (Alameda), Stuart Leven (San Jose), Steve Schumann (Hayward), George Valby (San Jose), Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz (Portland, OR) & Ray Younkens (Washington Grove, MD)

Board Minutes

THE FRIENDS OF THE WESTERN PHILATELIC LIBRARY, INC.

FRIENDS OF THE WESTERN PHILATELIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES OCT 10, 2020

1. Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by **Acting Board Chair Ed Jarvis** via **TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL** due to the continuing **Covid-19 Coronavirus Pandemic**. **Bob Gordon** set up and hosted the **Conference Call**.

Roll Call found a **Quorum of all 8 Officers and Directors** present: **Richard Clever, Bob Gordon, Ed Jarvis, Stu Leven, Nestor Nunez, Steve Schumann, Roger Skinner, and Roy Teixeira**.

Guests: **Kristin Patterson and Jo Skinner**. **Recording Secretary:** **Russ Samuels**.

2. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting of August 8, 2020: The **Minutes** were approved unanimously on a motion by **Richard Clever**, seconded by **Steve Schumann**.

3. Treasurer's Report: **Nestor Nunez** previously e-mailed to the **BOD** the **Financial Statements** through **September 30, 2020**, detailing the income and expenditures including **Balance Sheets, Profit and Loss Statements, and Cash Receipts**. **Ed Jarvis** thanked **Nestor** for getting this out to the **BOD** ahead of today's meeting. **Nestor** said the financial position is much more positive than at the end of July thanks to the **Go Fund Me Charity Campaign**. The annual **WESTPEX** donation of \$5,000 is still to be received and not assured at this point. *(More will be known after the November 2nd WESTPEX BOD meeting)*. At the current "burn rate" of \$3,500 a month, the **Library** currently has funds to operate through **April 2021**. **Steve Schumann** moved to accept the **Treasurer's Report**, seconded by **Stu Leven**, and passed unanimously.

4. Fundraising and Publicity:

a. Go Fund Me Charity Campaign: \$10,700 has been raised as of today's meeting including \$1,370 from **Redwood Empire Philatelic Society** in memory of **George Shalimoff**. **Bob Gordon** has emailed a link to the **BOD** to access the **Go Fund Me Charity** account. This can be forwarded easily to potential donors in the various clubs and organizations in the **Bay Area** and elsewhere. **Kristin Patterson** said the **Sequoia Stamp Club** published a link to the **Go Fund Me Charity** site in their newsletter. **Steve Schumann** offered to write an ad to be

inserted in the *American Philatelist* and will contact **Ken Martin** at the **APS** to ask about getting information to the members about the campaign. **Ed Jarvis** suggested getting an article in the **APRL** journal and will ask **Daryl Reiber** to send out a letter to **WESTPEX Committee** members with the link.

b. Library Policy for Thank You Letters for Donations: **Bob Gordon** will continue to send email thanks for **Go Fund Me Charity** electronic donations, and **Nestor Nunez** will send thanks for cash contributions received in the mail. As **Ed Jarvis** noted, "People like to be thanked!"

c. Open House in 2021, Auction, and Book Sale Date: The date of the next **Open House, Auction, and Book Sale** will have to be determined based on when **San Mateo County** deems it safe to proceed with large gatherings. **Bob Gordon** moved (at the **August 8, 2020 BOD meeting**) that the **Library** hold off on public events until the **Government** declares that they can be held safely. This was seconded by **Roger Skinner** and passed unanimously. This will be taken up again at future **FWPL BOD** meetings.

5. Membership and Mailing Report: **Richard Clever** noted a net loss of 2 in the current membership of 224 (which includes 9 overseas). **Richard** will be sending out renewal notices early in November as usual and email addresses will be requested of the members. **Steve Schumann** previously suggested that members also be asked if they would prefer an electronic copy of the *Bay Phil* in order to save on printing and postage costs. The question of paying dues through the website via **PayPal** was raised. *(See Website below)*

6. Library Operations Report: **Roger Skinner** mentioned that there have been no visitors lately. Work continues to be done safely in the **Library**. There has been no activity in the vacant building next door, and **Roger** thinks someone bought it as an investment. **Stu Leven** reported that the **SAS/Oceania (Society of Australasian Specialists/Oceania) Library** is being donated to the **WPL** of which perhaps 60 to 70% is duplicate material.

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Board Members

Western Philatelic Library APS Chapter 836

Library Board Members

President:	Stuart Leven
Vice President Acquisitions:	Roger Skinner
Vice President Membership:	Richard Clever
Secretary:	Nestor Nunez
Treasurer:	Nestor Nunez
Board Members at large:	Edward Jarvis
	Roy C. Teixeira
	Bob Gordon
	Steve Schumann

Volunteers:

John Corwin, John Cross	Proofreaders
Wally Jolliff	Auctioneer
Ken Lewetzow	Auctioneer
David McNamee	Consultant to Board of Directors
Jerry Mix	eBay Sales
Ian "Russ" Samuels	Recording Secretary



ABOVE:
Improved workspace in the Library.



Thank you! GoFundMe Charity and Other Donors

Gary Belyea, John Cross, Lawrence Rosenblum, Bobby Liao, Marci Jarvis, Joanne Murphy, John H. Bloor, Donald Brent, California Collectors Club, Stephen Washburne, James Hayes, Nassre Behruz, David McNamee, Inman Gallogly, John Kofranek, and Peter Barnett. Donors sending in checks were Dennis Buss, Richard Clever, Gary Graf, William Hassler, Victor Ivashin, Edward Jarvis, Gary & Nancy Jensen, Joseph Kagan, Walter Knoepfel, William Lenarz, Stuart Leven, David McNamee, David Moore, San Francisco Pacific Philatelic Society, PENPEX, Sequoia Stamp Club, Roy Teixeira, Alan Thomas & Michael Turrini.

Please consider joining them at our GoFundMe Charity page:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/friends-of-western-philatelic-library-inc>

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7. Bay Phil: Editor **Bob Gordon** noted that the next issue dated **December 2020** will continue to emphasize the **Go Fund Me Charity** campaign on the front cover. **Kristin Patterson** suggested including a Thermometer graphic showing the fundraising goal and where it currently stands. There will also be Summaries of BOD Actions from the October 10th and December 12th meetings, a book review, and photos of the interior of the Library showing the cleanup progress. This should be in the mail by the end of December.

8. Website: **Bob Gordon** previously asked **Kristin Patterson** for assistance with updating the **Website** and he has been trying to use WordPress to accomplish this. Kristin added a **Donate Button** on the **Library's Webpage** and also added a **PayPal Button** to facilitate dues payments. Meanwhile a new **Webmaster** familiar with WordPress is still needed.

9. Building Cleanup Campaign: **Roy Teixeira** and **Dave Moore** have been clearing out duplicate journals, going through them meticulously, and filling some few gaps. The work is tedious, but the outcome has been fruitful, with extra copies of scarcer publications being retained. The interior cleanup has removed much of the clutter freeing up the Bound Journal area. The run of old Scott Catalogues will be moved to a less used area. The work room in the back of the Library continues to be utilized by **Wally Jolliff** and **Ken Lewetzow** for sorting and describing lots for the upcoming and future Sales. There will be plenty of room for the future Open House. **Bob Gordon** asked that a photo record of the progress continues to be made. **Ed Jarvis** thanked Roy and Dave for really opening up the aisles making it easier for **Judy Jarvis** to move inside the Library.

10. Next Board of Director's Meeting: Saturday December 12, 2020 at 10:00 am.

**Friends of the Western Philatelic Library
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, December 12, 2020**

1. Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Acting Board Chair **Ed Jarvis** via TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL due to the continuing Covid-19 Coronavirus Pandemic. **Bob Gordon** set up and hosted the Conference Call.

Roll Call found a **Quorum of all 8 Officers and Directors** present: **Richard Clever**, **Bob Gordon**, **Ed Jarvis**, **Stu Leven**, **Nestor Nunez**, **Steve Schumann**, **Roger Skinner**, and **Roy Teixeira**. **Guest:** **Kristin Patterson**. **Recording Secretary:** **Russ Samuels**.

2. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting of October 10, 2020:

The **Minutes** were approved unanimously on a motion by **Richard Clever**, seconded by **Stu Leven**.

3. Treasurer's Report: **Nestor Nunez** previously e-mailed to the **BOD** the **Financial Statements** through **November 30, 2020**, detailing the income and expenditures including **Balance Sheets**, **Profit and Loss Statements**, and **Cash Receipts**. **Ed Jarvis** thanked Nestor for getting this out to the **BOD** ahead of today's meeting. Nestor said the **Library** is not doing badly (the P & L nearly matches that of 2019) considering the challenges we are facing, mainly thanks to the **Go Fund Me Charity Campaign**. Nestor expressed his thanks to **Bob Gordon** for promoting this campaign and to all for various contributions including **Ed Jarvis** sponsoring a **Life Membership for Behruz Nassre** (which generated a \$500 donation from Behruz!). Also a check from **Stu Leven** for **eBay Sales** and a 2020 donation from **Roy Teixeira**. At the current "burn rate" of \$3,500 a month, the **Library** currently has funds to operate through **June 2021**. **Stu Leven** moved to accept the **Treasurer's Report**, seconded by **Roy Teixeira**, and passed unanimously.

4. Fundraising and Publicity:

a. Go Fund Me Campaign: \$11,590 has been raised as of today's meeting including donations from 23 people over the last five months since the site debuted on July 4th. **Bob Gordon** previously emailed a link to the **BOD** to access the **Go Fund Me Charity** account. This can be forwarded easily to potential donors in the various clubs and organizations in the **Bay Area** and elsewhere. Bob reminded us that at the October 10th meeting: **Kristin Patterson** said the **Sequoia Stamp Club** published a link to the **Go Fund Me Charity** site in their newsletter. **Steve Schumann** offered to write an ad to be inserted in the *American Philatelist* and will contact **Ken Martin** at the APS to ask about getting information to the members about the campaign, **Ed Jarvis** suggested getting an article in the *APRL* journal and will ask **Daryl Reiber** to send out a letter to **WESTPEX** Committee members with the link. Steve reported that **Scott English** told him that the **APS** is only promoting itself at the moment trying to do their own fundraising. **Ed Jarvis** asked Bob to refresh the photo of the Library on the website and **Nestor Nunez** suggested adding one of the new "Welcome" banner now hanging inside the Library. An article written by **David McNamee** will be included in the next *Council Courier*.

b. Open House in 2021, Auction, and Book Sale Date: The date of the next **Open House**, **Auction**, and **Book Sale** will have to be determined based on when San Mateo County deems it safe to proceed with large gatherings.

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Bob Gordon moved (at the **August 8, 2020 BOD meeting**) that the **Library** hold off on public events until the Government declares that they can be held safely. This was seconded by **Roger Skinner** and passed unanimously. **Ed Jarvis** thinks that the earliest we can expect to plan to hold an **Open House** is June, July, or August. This subject will be taken up again at future **FWPL BOD** meetings. **WESTPEX 2021** will be holding a BOD Meeting in mid-January to discuss plans for this Show.

5. Membership and Mailing Report: **Richard Clever** said that the current membership is 220 (which includes 8 overseas). **Richard** sent out renewal notices early in November as usual and payments have been coming in including two new Life memberships, one from **Ed Jarvis** on behalf of **Behruz Nassre** and the other from **James Hayes**.

6. Library Operations Report: **Roger Skinner** mentioned that there have been no visitors lately and that he has not been there in the last month. Work continues to be done safely in the **Library** including computer listings by **Stu Leven**. **Roy Teixeira** reported activity in the vacant building next door a couple of days ago when he noticed someone in the building, possibly a real estate sales agent. **Stu Leven** reported that the **SAS/Oceania (Society of Australasian Specialists/Oceania)** **Library** is being donated to the **WPL** of which perhaps 80% is duplicate material.

7. Korean Library In going through material in the **Library**, **Roy Teixeira** discovered a box of Korean **Library** material apparently donated to the **WPL**. **Richard Clever** wants to inform **Simon Howlett**, a Director of the **Korean Philatelic Society** of our intention to integrate their material (mostly Journals) into the **WPL**. **Steve Schumann** moved, seconded by **Roy Teixeira** to accept the donation. The motion passed unanimously. **Kristin Patterson** suggested donating any non-philatelic books (many in Korean language) to the **Redwood City Public Library**.

8. Bay Phil: Editor **Bob Gordon** noted that the next issue dated **December 2020** will continue to emphasize the **Go Fund Me Campaign** on the front cover. **Bob** thanked **Roy Teixeira** for the **Library** photos showing progress being made in the cleanup. **Kristin Patterson** previously suggested including a Thermometer graphic showing the fundraising goal and where it currently stands. **Ed Jarvis** agreed that the emphasis should be on the **Go Fund Me Charity Campaign**. There will also be **Minutes** from the **October 10th** and **December 12th** BOD-meetings, a book review, and photos of the interior of the **Library** showing the cleanup progress. **Steve Schumann** previously suggested that members also be asked if they would prefer an electronic copy of the **Bay Phil** in order to save on printing and postage costs. The task of keeping track of this was thought to be more time consuming than the savings it would generate.

9. Website: **Bob Gordon** previously asked **Kristin Patterson** for assistance with updating the **Website** and he has been trying to use **WordPress** to accomplish this. **Kristin** added a **Donate Button** on the **Library's Webpage** and also added a **PayPal Button** to facilitate dues payments. Meanwhile a new **Webmaster** familiar with **WordPress** is still needed and **Bob** has reached out to a fellow member of the **Golden Gate Stamp Club**, (a 25-year old!) who may be able to help. The subject of **Administrative control** of the **Website** came up and currently both **Bob Gordon** and **Kristin Patterson** have the access password. It was suggested that **Steve Schumann** should be given it for the archives as well as **Roy Teixeira**. **Ed Jarvis** thanked **Bob** and **Kristin** for their ongoing work on the **Website** and keeping the **BOD** advised.

10. Building Cleanup Campaign: **Roy Teixeira** reported that new LED ceiling lights have been installed making a great improvement in the area near **Spring St**. The old fixtures were removed and disposed of. Electrical receptacles were also checked and replaced as metal hardware was wearing out causing arcing and burnt parts. Additionally two breakers were removed and re-located. The main panel needs to be replaced and this upgrade should be considered in the future. **Roy** will ask for a quote for this work. All of these improvements have been paid for by donations. **Nestor Nunez** added there are still restricted funds in the amount of \$2,000 remaining. **Roy** and **Dave Moore** continue to clear out duplicate materials which are checked against index cards. **Greg Mirsky** has helped reduce 12 boxes of Russian material down to two; moving out the excess journals has allowed room to expand the back shelves. Other Board members who have worked on the cleanup include **Richard Clever**, **Ed Jarvis**, and **Steve Schumann**. **Roy** said he has made about 35 trips to the dump with unrecyclable material. **Roy** has paid for the renewal of the **PO Box** for another year as well as the new **Welcome Banner** now hanging in the **Library**. **Ed Jarvis** called for a motion of thanks to **Roy Teixeira** for his outstanding work in overseeing the Cleanup. **Steve Schumann** so moved. **Richard Clever** seconded and the motion passed.

11. Other: **Nestor Nunez** wants to ask the **WESTPEX BOD** about the annual \$5,000 donation to the **WPL**, but thinks he should wait until after the next **WESTPEX Show**. The 2020 contribution was made in August 2020. **Nestor** also mentioned that he has been serving as both **Treasurer** and **Secretary** for the **WPL** and would like someone to take over the **Secretary's** position. **Steve Schumann** said he would be willing to take on this responsibility but would like an email list of the jobs he would have to do. **Nestor** mentioned that **Russ Samuels** takes care of most of this by handling the **BOD Minutes**.

12. Next Board of Directors Meeting: Saturday February 13, 2021 at 10:00 am via TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL.

Flashback from 1918

by Bob Gordon

Postcard from a Previous Pandemic

"Hope you are not sick"



LEFT: This postcard was mailed from Auburn, Maine to Los Angeles, California on November 2, 1918, during the 1918 Influenza pandemic, typically known as the "Spanish Flu".

During the deadly 2nd wave of this pandemic, approximately 292,000 deaths were reported in the United States during a four-month period: September-December 1918.

The writer in Maine, "Bertie", corresponding with Mrs. S. H. Parsons in Los Angeles, expresses anxiety that must have been typical at the time.

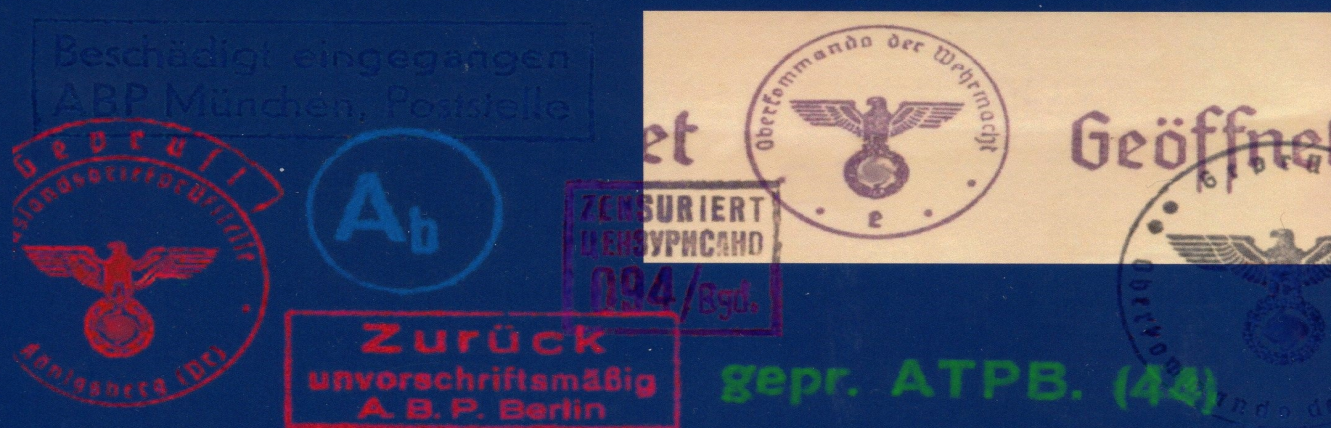


ABOVE: Police wearing protective masks in Seattle, 1918

"Be sure not to get the influenza"

Horst Landsmann

Die Zensur von Zivilpost in Deutschland im 2. Weltkrieg



2. Auflage

[Editor's Note: This book is available at the Library. See review on next page.]

Die Zensur von Zivilpost in Deutschland im 2. Weltkrieg, (Civil Censorship in Germany during WW II), second edition, by Horst Landsmann. 438 pages, 7 ½ by 9 ½ inches, perfect bound, card covers.

Books on Demand, Germany, 2019. ISBN 978-3-74948-050-0

Book Review by Alan Warren

Review of:

Die Zensur von Zivilpost in Deutschland im 2. Weltkrieg, (Civil Censorship in Germany during WW II)

For many years those who collected German censorship of the Second World War period relied on the publications (in German) of Karl-Heinz Riemer, especially his 1979 *Monitoring of International Mail during World War II by German Offices*. In 2008 Horst Landsmann published the first edition of his book, also in German. However, the censorship markings and devices, for example resealing tape, were listed in tabular format for each censorship office so they were easier to understand.

Landsmann's latest edition provides an introductory chapter on how to use the catalog, in both German and English. Included are the format of the listings, abbreviations used, a brief glossary of German terms and their English equivalents, a 6-letter scarcity rating from €1 to €40 or more, the letter codes that identify specific censorship offices, and a bibliography of references in this field.

The catalog entries begin with the German offices in Königsberg, Berlin, Cologne, Munich, Frankfurt, and Hamburg followed by those offices established in occupied countries such as in Vienna, Copenhagen, Lyon, Paris, Oslo, Bordeaux and elsewhere. At the beginning of each office listing there is a brief text in German and English about what a particular office handled. For example inbound mail originating from Denmark and Norway, transit mail from Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, and France, and later mail to German POWs, went to the Hamburg censorship office for inspection.

For each office the listings are categorized as censor handstamps, pass marks (used for unopened mail like first day covers), resealing tapes, telegram markings, instructional handstamps such as for mail to be returned to sender, customs markings, handstamps of specific censors with their initials or numbers, and printed forms associated with censorship. Each entry has a catalog number, dimensions of any varieties, ink color, and earliest and latest known dates of use.

Following the censorship office listings is a section on other types of pertinent markings. Some relate to mail from Greece, Serbia, the Channel Islands, Montenegro, and other unusual countries; other markings relate to consular mail, security police handstamps, currency control, and similar special circumstances. Another table lists special handstamps that have to do with suspension of communications, mailing at post office counters, mail sent from letter boxes, missing sender's address, inadmissible contents, and picture postcards (sending them to foreign countries was forbidden).

Landsmann's updated catalog now becomes the authoritative resource for identifying civil censorship markings used at offices in Germany as well as in the countries it occupied. Most of the illustrations are quite clear and together with the text will help collectors identify those WW II covers that were examined by the Germans.

-Reviewed by Alan Warren

Photos of the Library

BELOW and FACING PAGE: A number of safety, lighting and mobility improvements are being made to the Library, thanks to our donors!



Photos of the Library



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