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**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](mailto:libry@att.net).

## New Members

Welcome and thank you to our newest Member Matt Whealton (San Francisco) and our newest Life Member : John Seidl (Marietta, GA)

## New: Double your donation to the Library!

### Challenge Grant: Gifts will be matched up to \$25,000!

A generous member of the Library has agreed to double any donation you make between now and August 31, 2021. If you give \$50, this donor will match it, and your \$50 donation becomes \$100! Gifts will be matched up to a total of \$25,000. This donor is motivated to reduce the mortgage payment on the Library building. Reminder that your donation is tax deductible since the Library is a 501c(3).

Checks may be sent to Friends of the Western Philatelic Library,  
P.O. Box 7063, Redwood City, CA 94063-7063 or at  
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# Board Minutes

## THE FRIENDS OF THE WESTERN PHILATELIC LIBRARY, INC.

### FRIENDS OF THE WESTERN PHILATELIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES Saturday February 13, 2021

**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 7 Officers and Directors** present: **Richard Clever, Bob Gordon, Ed Jarvis, Nestor Nunez, Steve Schumann, Roger Skinner, and Roy Teixeira**. **Guest: Judy Jarvis**. **Recording Secretary: Russ Samuels**.

**2. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting of December 12, 2020:** The **Minutes** were approved unanimously on a motion by **Roger Skinner**, seconded by **Roy Teixeira**.

**3. New FWPL Board Secretary:** **Nestor Nunez** 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. The **Secretary** responds to correspondence from the **State and Federal Governments** regarding **Corporate** matters as well as general inquiries about the **Library** while the **Treasurer** deals with **Financial** matters. **Steve Schumann** said he would be willing to take on this responsibility but would do so as long as **Russ Samuels** continues to take the **BOD Minutes**. **Russ** has agreed to do this, so **Nestor** moved to nominate **Steve Schumann** as the new **WPL Secretary**. **Roy Teixeira** seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously. **Bob Gordon** will update the **Listing of Officers** in the next **BAY PHIL**. **Ed Jarvis** asked that the **Governance Binders** in the **Library** be updated with copies also going to the **Directors**.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** **Nestor Nunez** previously e-mailed to the **BOD** the **Financial Statements** through **December 31, 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 Campaign**. **Nestor** expressed his thanks to **Bob Gordon** for promoting this campaign and to all for various contributions mainly from internal sources, the **BOD** and various friends. At the current "burn rate" of **\$3,500** a month, the **Library** currently

has funds to operate through **July 2021**. **Richard Clever** moved to accept the **Treasurer's Report**, seconded by **Roger Skinner**, and passed unanimously.

### **5. Fundraising and Publicity:**

**a. Go Fund Me Campaign:** **\$12,690** has been raised as of today's meeting, plus a small amount in January not yet included. **Bob Gordon** previously emailed a link to the **BOD** to access the **Go Fund Me** account. This can be forwarded easily to potential donors in the various clubs and organizations in the **Bay Area** and elsewhere.

**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. [**Bob Gordon** previously 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 hold an **Open House** is **July or August, 2021**. This subject will be taken up again at future **FWPL BOD** meetings. It is noted that **WESTPEX 2021** has been postponed until **July 30 to August 1, 2021**.

**6. Membership and Mailing Report:** **Richard Clever** said that the current membership is 219 (which includes 8 overseas). **Richard** sent out renewal notices early in November as usual and payments have been coming in including one new **Life** membership.

**7. Library Operations Report:** **Roger Skinner** mentioned that there have been few visitors lately as the **Library** is not really open, but two people came by separately, one from **Tiburon** and one from **Pacifica**. There has been no activity in the vacant building next door lately.

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## Board Members

Western Philatelic Library APS Chapter 836

### Library Board Members

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

### Volunteers:

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



ABOVE: Cartoon from Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, 1930



## Thank you! GoFundMe Charity and Other Donors

Lawrence J. Castelli (Sunnyvale), Collectors Club of San Francisco, Greg Cykman (San Francisco), Alex De Luca, (Sunnyvale), Ann Dunkin (Menlo Park), Clyde Homen (Hollister), Linda Joe (San Francisco), Bobby Liao (Palo Alto), Northwest Philatelic Library (Portland, OR), Ed Rosen (Redwood City), Larry Rosenblum (Sunnyvale), Steve Schumann (Hayward), P. Clark Souers (Pleasanton), Treasure Island Stamps & Coins / Paul Schroeter (Sunnyvale), Michael Turrini (Vallejo) Hugo Vargas (Danville) and Ray Younkens (Washington Grove, MD)

Please consider joining them at our GoFundMe Charity page:

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8. **Bay Phil:** Editor Bob Gordon noted that the next issue dated April 2021 is due at the end of April or early May. The December 2020 issue emphasized the **Go Fund Me Campaign** on the front cover. Bob thanked Roy Teixeira for the Library photos showing progress being made in the cleanup. Ed Jarvis said he really appreciated all the photos of the cleanup. Kristin Patterson previously suggested including a Thermometer graphic showing the fundraising goal and where it currently stands. The December issue was mailed flat in error. Roy Teixeira said he will ask the printer to correct this for future issues.

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** is needed. One of the functions of the Website should be to see what books are available as well as an archive of the *Bay Phil*.

10. **Selling Books on the Internet:** Roger Skinner was approached by a volunteer who lives in Pacifica with an offer to help sell books on the Internet. After some discussion it was decided to postpone the subject to our next meeting.

11. **Building Cleanup Update:** Roy Teixeira reported that he has been making more room for reference books by moving catalogues to the other side of the room where duplicate material has been cleared out. He is trying to make the Library as clean and tidy as possible ahead of our next **Open House**.

12. **Other Business:** As an item of **Old Business** Stu Leven had received a request to send an update to the International Library Database. In Stu's absence, Ed Jarvis said we should address this at the next meeting.

13. **Next Board of Director's Meeting:** Saturday April 10, 2021 at 10:00 am via TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL.

14. **Adjournment:** Steve Schumann moved for Adjournment, seconded by Bob Gordon, and without objection Acting Board Chair Ed Jarvis adjourned the meeting at 10:53 am after thanking Bob Gordon for setting up the Conference Call.

Friends of the Western Philatelic Library  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, April 10, 2021

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:03 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 7 Officers and Directors** present: Richard Clever, Bob Gordon, Ed Jarvis, Nestor Nunez, Steve Schumann, Roger Skinner, and Roy Teixeira. **Guests:** Edie Eggen, Dar Hay, Judy Jarvis, Kristin Patterson, and Jo Skinner. **Recording Secretary:** Russ Samuels.

2. **Minutes of Previous Board Meeting of February 13, 2021:** The Minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Roger Skinner, seconded by Richard Clever.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Nestor Nunez previously e-mailed to the BOD the Financial Statements through March 31, 2021, 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 Campaign**. Nestor expressed his thanks to Bob Gordon for promoting this campaign and to all for various contributions mainly from internal sources, the BOD and various friends. At the current "burn rate" of \$3,500 a month, the Library currently has funds to operate through August 2021. After WESTPEX, with approximately \$2,000 in sales and the \$5,000 yearly donation, this projected income should extend the operation to at least October 2021. Richard Clever moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Roy Teixeira, and passed unanimously.

4. **Fundraising and Publicity:**

a. **Restricted Donation of \$25,000 (which must be matched) to be used to pay down part of the mortgage on the building:**

An anonymous donor has put up this "challenge" with a deadline of August 31, 2021. Two other donors have already come forth with \$5,000 donations, and it is hoped we will even exceed the \$25,000 matching funds. Nestor Nunez said this is a most welcome development, as the balloon payment due in February 2023 will need to be renegotiated. The current loan amount is \$473,000 and these matching funds will make it easier to restructure the loan. He suggested authorizing Ed Jarvis to contact the owners to discuss this. Richard Clever moved to accept the donation, seconded by Nestor Nunez and passed unanimously.

b. **Go Fund Me Campaign:** \$12,940 has been raised as of today's meeting. Bob Gordon previously emailed a link to the BOD to access the Go Fund Me account. This can be forwarded easily to potential donors in the various clubs and organizations in the Bay Area and elsewhere.

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**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 previously 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.] At today's meeting, **Ed Jarvis** suggested holding an **Open House on Saturday June 26, 2021** (subject to San Mateo County guidelines). **Steve Schumann** made a motion to accept this date, seconded by **Richard Clever** and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**5. Membership and Mailing Report:** **Richard Clever** said that the current membership is 214 (which includes 8 overseas). This includes 101 **Life Members**, 34 complimentary, 55 current members, 6 not paid since 2020, and 18 members who have not renewed since 2019. **Nestor Nunez** suggested not dropping anyone, but rather including a pink slip reminder attached to their next dues notice, as it does not cost the **Library** that much.

**6. Library Operations Report:** **Roger Skinner** mentioned that there have been only a few visitors lately (perhaps 3 or 4 local people per month) as the **Library** is not really open.

**7. Bay Phil:** Editor **Bob Gordon** noted that the next issue dated **April 2021** is due at the end of April or early May. The **April Issue** will emphasize the **Matching Funds Campaign** on the front cover. It will also include the ongoing **Go Fund Me Campaign** and the usual features especially thanking donors. Bob thanked **Ed Jarvis** for the panoramic Library photos showing progress being made in the cleanup.

**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** is still needed. One of the functions of the **Website** should be to see which books are available as well as an archive of the **Bay Phil**.

**9. EBay Report:** **Roger Skinner** was approached by **Dar Hay**, a volunteer who lives in Pacifica, with an offer to help sell books on the Internet. Since the last **BOD Meeting**, he has sold nearly \$1,000 worth of books from the **Library's Inventory**. **Ed Jarvis** thanked Dar and said this is a vital function.

**10. Building Cleanup Update:** **Roy Teixeira** reported that he has been making more room for reference books by moving catalogues to the other side of the room where duplicate material has been cleared out. He thanked **Richard Clever**

and **Dave Moore** for helping him with this job. Dave has been sorting **Journals** and **Magazines**, with Roy checking them against **Index Cards**. Richard moved the **Specialized Libraries** and **Catalogues** to the other side of the room. They have cleared the top and bottom shelves for easier access to the books, and have removed items from the top of the shelving as well as dusted the books. Work should be completed in the next two or three weeks to make the **Library** as clean and tidy as possible ahead of our next **Open House**.

**11. WPL at WESTPEX:** **Roger Skinner** is still working on the logistics for this year's **Show**. The biggest problem is the packing and move in/move out. **Dar Hay** has offered to help Roger. It was suggested that the volume of material brought to **WESTPEX** be reduced and that extra help be hired from **People Ready**.

**12. Specialized Libraries:** This subject will be taken up at the next **BOD Meeting**.

**Other Old Business:** As an item of **Old Business** **Stu Leven** had received a request to send an update to the International Library Database. In Stu's absence, **Ed Jarvis** said we should address this at the next meeting.

**13. Next Board of Director's Meeting:** **Saturday May 8, 2021 at 10:00 am** via **TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL** (or possibly at the **Western Philatelic Library**, subject to safety concerns). *(Subsequent to today's meeting, Acting Chair Ed Jarvis moved the date of the next BOD Meeting to Saturday June 12, 2021.)*

**14. Adjournment:** **Bob Gordon** moved for **Adjournment**, seconded by **Roger Skinner**, and without objection **Acting Board Chair Ed Jarvis** adjourned the meeting at 11:08 am after thanking **Bob Gordon** for setting up the **Conference Call**, and a big **Thank You** to **Nestor Nunez** for keeping the financial information up to date during his busy **Tax Season**.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Russ Samuels,**  
**Recording Secretary**



# Library Improvement Photos!

Photo credit: Ed Jarvis



# U. S. Precanceled Postal Cards 1874 – 1961



**2020  
First Edition**

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

U. S. Precanceled Postal Cards 1874-1961 ed. by Josh Furman. 38 pages, 8 ½ by 11 inches, stiff covers, saddle-stitched, United Postal Stationery Society, Chester, Va., 2020. ISBN 978-1-7351629-1-1, \$20 postpaid (\$17.60 for UPSS members) from UPSS Publications, PO Box 3982, Chester VA 23831, or [www.upss.org](http://www.upss.org).



## Book Review by Alan Warren

### Review of:

### *U. S. Precanceled Postal Cards 1874-1961 First Edition 2020*

The United Postal Stationery Society assiduously revises, updates, and republishes its catalogs as new material or varieties are discovered. Therefore it is nice to see the first edition of a new catalog such as this one of United States postal cards that were precanceled prior to 1961. They were printed by the sender or the firm's postmaster. All were commercially used. In 1961 the USPOD (later USPS) took over issuing precanceled postal cards.

Excluded are philatelically created cards made by collectors, and those bearing the word "permit." The latter are cataloged by the Mailer's Postmark Permit Club. Many of the precancels are similar to those used on stamps, showing the city and state, with or without horizontal bars. A few contain PL&R references to the Postal Laws and Regulations regarding such cards.

79 cities were used for precanceled cards. They are listed alphabetically from Allegheny, Pennsylvania to Zearing, Iowa. This is not a priced catalog, but three different value groups are used to indicate up to \$75 (R), from \$75 to \$300 (RR), and above \$300 (RRR). The main listing is alphabetical by state and then by city within each state.

If a city had more than one variety of precancel, for example, Dodge, MA, then they are differentiated as MA-Dod1, MA-Dod2, etc. Each city entry is identified by the UPSS catalog number of the base card itself as depicted in the 2020 U.S. Postal Card Catalog, edited by Lewis Bussey. For illustration, the top horizontal portion of the card is shown in color with the indicium, the precancel, and often the return address of the sender.

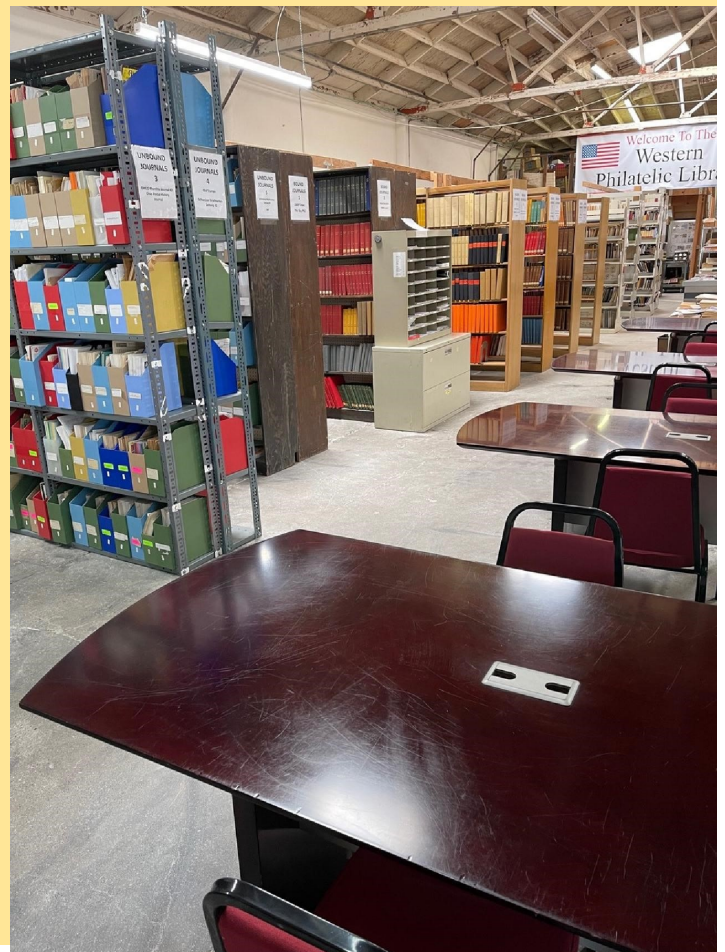
A note indicates what type of notice or advertisement appears on the back of the card, and in a few cases the entire back is shown. An appendix describes a few proofs and shows an example of printer's waste.

The catalog has an easy-to-read two-column layout with clear illustrations. At the time of writing this review, H.R. Harmer was offering "The Josh Furman Collection of Precanceled Postal Cards" in their April 14, 2021 Sale No. 3042.

-Reviewed by Alan Warren

## More Photos of the Library Photo credit: Ed Jarvis

**BELOW : More room to spread out. The Library has benefitted from a major cleanup!**





## Tribute to Matt Hedley

Sep 12, 1928 — Aug 8, 2019 Founder of "tear sheets"



	TOPICAL COLLECTING - FISH
13462	Possibilities & Pitfalls in Fish Identifications.
	TOPICAL COLLECTING - INSECTS
13441	The Stamp Bug.
	TOPICAL COLLECTING - MAPS
13474	The Great Paper Wars...And a Few Real Ones.
	TOPICAL COLLECTING - METROLOGY
13476	Metrology--The Science of Measurement.
	TOPICAL COLLECTING - MINING
17003	Some Miner Observations.
	TOPICAL COLLECTING - MONEY
17001	Pennies in Our Banks.



**Matt Hedley** has been a valued member of the Friends of the Western Philatelic Library since the very earliest days. Matt was born in England, raised on the Canadian prairie, before making his way to California in 1957. Growing up in rural Alberta, he had to wait to start formal schooling until he was old enough to ride his horse to school. He started collecting when he was quite young, and both stamps and records played a big part in his life.

He left formal education as a teenager to take a job during the war. He really wanted to be a railroad engineer, but the family suggested he learn a trade. He became a machinist apprentice with the Canadian National Railways.

While his formal education was interrupted by the war and a good paying job, his curiosity was always evident. Starting in 1951, he produced a weekly 1-hour classical music radio show on CKUA, a radio station in Edmonton, Alberta. For Matt, the show was as much learning the context of these great classical music works as it was enjoying the beauty of the music and the performance. The records and books were all his. No idea how he moved around all those records as he moved around until marrying Louella in 1961. His radio program continued though 1987, when the station changed formats. He did pick up his schooling and completed High School in San Francisco, and even attended Community College, where he and Louella first met.

Stamp collecting was always a big part of his life. If you visited his home, you'd find mounds of auction catalogs, and he was always careful to keep the prices realized for later, in addition to magazines and books. I recall him working the FWPL booth at shows in Reno and Fresno regularly. His biggest project and legacy to the club were his tear-sheets. He was producing those for as far back as I can remember. How he found time to produce his radio show, read through all those auction catalogs, hold down a job, raise a family, and do his work for the Library is beyond me.

His collecting was like his radio program in that it often wanted to tell a story. He was impacted by the Japanese American internment during the war, which also happened in Canada. His grandfather was apparently offered the post to oversee the disposition of the lands formerly held by the internees but refused on moral grounds. Dad collected internment covers, and I helped him source an original internment order poster which he wanted to display with his collection at a show, despite feeling that that poster might cost him the prize. That so encapsulates his life, very curious, studious research, sometime controversial topics, strong opinions, and doing things his own way.

Mom died in 2010, and Matt and my brother John, lived in the house in San Mateo, until 2018. Matt sold that house and moved with my brother to League City, TX. I was saddened to learn that Dad had not continued his tear-sheet project after the move, as I know that his focus on that work was part of what kept him going in those latter years, as well as the long friendships he developed with other FWPL volunteers. In 2017, we delivered a great deal of complete and incomplete material to the Library, and it is my hope that other volunteers are able to work through his donations and continue that legacy for him.

Contributed by David Hedley (Matt's son) In family photo above: Matt is at top left. David is at front center.



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