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"I'm hoping that my gift will inspire others to support the Library"

-Steve

The Library's campaign to reduce its mortgage balance continues. Loyal and generous friends like Steve Schumann continue to answer the call for support.

As of this writing, the balance on the Library's mortgage is down to \$161,000.

Can you make a donation today?

(We tell you how on page 4)



Bob Gordon, Editor

Editor's Corner

Hello! Not one but two Open House and Silent Auction events are scheduled for Saturday August 20 and October 15. Again, all duplicate books / philatelic literature will be 50% off! See announcement on page 7.

Want to contact the Library? 650-306-9150 or info@fwpl.org Library Hours: Mon and Thu 9 am-1 pm (call to verify) Donations always welcome at the Library's GoFundMe site:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-the-western-philatelic-library-inc



Ed Jarvis at the Library's outreach table at WESTPEX on April 22, 2022.

Welcome and thank you to the Library's newest Life Members:

Branton Burke (San Francisco), Dennis Moreno (Sunnyvale)

Welcome and thank you to our newest Members: James T. Dempsey (Walnut Creek), Kenneth K. Takahashi (San Francisco), Hugo Vargas (Danville) and Hideo R. Yokota (Belmont)

Board Minutes (Saturday April 9, 2022)

Friends of the Western Philatelic Library Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, April 9, 2022

1. Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:13 am by Library President Ed Jarvis at the Western Philatelic Library, 3004 Spring Street, Redwood City CA 94063, our first fully in-person meeting in more than two years.

Roll Call found a Quorum of 5 Officers and Directors present: Richard Clever, Bob Gordon, Ed Jarvis, Nestor Nunez, and Roy Teixeira. Regrets for Absence: Steve Schumann.

Recording Secretary: Russ Samuels.

- 2. <u>Minutes of Previous Board Meeting of February</u> 12, 2022: The Minutes of the Meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by **Bob Gordon**, seconded by **Roy Teixeira**.
- 3. Treasurer's Report: Nestor Nunez previously e-mailed to the BOD the five-page Financial Statement through March 31, 2022, detailing the income and expenditures including Balance Sheets, Profit and Loss Statements, and Cash Receipts including Mortgage Fundraising and Building and Safety Funds. Ed Jarvis thanked Nestor for getting this out to the **BOD** ahead of today's meeting. The highlight of the **Report** is that the Library has made the significant Mortgage **Reduction** of \$110,000 during the first three months of 2022 on top of the monthly payments leaving a balance due of \$224,000 at the end of March. This is largely due to the fundraising efforts spearheaded by Library President Ed Jarvis and donations from Board members and anonymous donors. Nestor said the Library currently has funds available through August, 2022. With the balloon payment of \$202,300 due in February 2023 on the **Mortgage**, and another \$38,000 needed for monthly cash flow for September 2022 to February 2023, a total of \$240,000 is needed to be raised in the next year.. The total picture is very positive because of the generosity of our donors. Future **Open Houses** with **Auctions** and **Book Sales** should generate further funds. **Ed Jarvis**

commented that the **Balance Sheet** shows the **Library's** total assets at \$632,000. He thinks the real value of the building alone is more than \$1 million, with the contents probably \$200,000. There have been more than \$23,000 in improvements made to the property in the last few years and the aggressive pay down of the **Mortgage** has saved about \$14,000. The cleaned up **Library** makes donors more likely to donate funds.

Richard Clever moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Roy Teixeira and passed unanimously.

- **4.** <u>Fundraising</u>: **Bob Gordon** said there has not been any new activity for the **Go Fund Me Campaign**, but the **Campaign** is still active at the new **Go Fund Me** link: https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-the-western-philatelic-library-inc
- 5. Membership and Mailing Report: Richard Clever said that as of April 8, 2022 the current membership is 219 (which includes 6 overseas). The grand total includes 104 Life Members, 34 Complimentary, 1 New Member (paid to 2023), and 75 Current Members. Five US members unpaid since 2021 will be dropped. Richard previously sent out letters to the Complimentary Members to get email addresses, and he is looking into backing up the mailing list information with Roy Teixeira.
- 6. <u>Library Operations Report</u>: Roy Teixeira emailed the BOD "Highlights of Recent Accomplishments at the WPL during February and March, 2022" prior to today's meeting:
- 1.) As a safety measure, the outside curb rim at the Spring Street entrance has been painted orange.
- 2.) **Dave Moore** is finalizing the sorting of all the duplicate journals.
- 3.) We have upgraded the ceiling lights in the two front offices.

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Board Members

Western Philatelic Library APS Chapter 836

Library Board Members

President: Edward Jarvis
Vice President Acquisitions: Roger Skinner
Vice President Membership: Richard Clever
Treasurer: Nestor Nunez
Director, General Operations: Roy C. Teixeira
Board Member at large: Bob Gordon
Director Emeritus: Stuart Leven



John Corwin Proofreader
Wally Jolliff Auctioneer
Jim Giacomazzi Auctioneer

David McNamee Consultant to Board of Directors

Ian "Russ" Samuels Recording Secretary



Thank you!

Stephen Bonowski, Paul Clemmensen, Richard Clever, Gordon Eubanks, Linda Feeney, Peter Hausknecht, Clyde Homen, Edward Jarvis, Ed Laveroni, John Kofranek, Stu Leven, David McNamee, Marlene Michelson, Arnold Miller, Dennis Moreno, Kaylynn Peter, Larry Rosenblum, Paula Sager, Carl Sasaki, Stephen Schumann, Eric Seedorf, Patrick Skain, Roger Skinner, Jake Soloman, Roy Teixeira, Michael Turrini, Hugo Vargas, Ghiam Yamin, Ray Younkins and Al Zulueta

Make a Donation Today

Donating appreciated securities could be tax-advantageous to you. Contact our President or Treasurer for more information.

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

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- 4.) We also have extended an electric outlet in our work area, avoiding extension cords on the floor.
- 5.) We have received 22 Exhibition Frames from the **Redwood Empire Philatelic Society** (previously used by **WINEPEX**). These frames will be used to display photocopies of Exhibits.
- 6.) **WPL Patrons Parking Signs** have been placed on the fence in our back Parking Lot.
- 7.) We have prepared four boxes of duplicate books to be given away at **WESTPEX**.
- 8.) Several boxes of books are ready to be taken to **WESTPEX** for sale to the **Featured Societies**.
- 9.) The back Parking Lot area is in the process of being cleared of all clutter.
- 10.) **Dave Moore** is continuing the improvement and updating of our Data Base.
- 11.) **Richard Clever** is continuing the pricing of duplicate books for sale.

In addition to the above list, Roy announced that **John Cross** will help out at the **Library** during the week after **WESTPEX**. Some of the volunteers will be going through the file cabinets.

Richard Clever noted that there are many shelves filled with obsolete Zip Code Directories. He moved to discard these obsolete books, seconded by **Roy Teixeira** and motion passed unanimously.

- 7. <u>Bay Phil</u>: Editor Bob Gordon said the April 2022 issue is in progress at the printer to have it ready for distribution ahead of WESTPEX. Bob previously reported that the Library's new email address is: info@fwpl.org
- 8. Website: Dave Moore has been working on integrating the pamphlet file with the book file, and has met three times with the contact for the In Magic Search System.
- 9. <u>FWPL AT WESTPEX 2022</u>: Edie and Dale Eggen of the WESTPEX Committee previously informed the

FWPL that the Monterey Room at the Marriott Hotel will have to be shared with three or four other booth holders this year due to cutbacks required by the **Hotel**. The **FWPL** will only have the space at the front of the room (between the entry doors) with 8 foot front and back tables and therefore will only be able to bring a limited number of boxes of books, focused for each of the Guest Societies. There will also be a freestanding threefold poster board with 8 x 10 color photos of the **Library** to promote our upcoming Open House and Sale. Several cartons of free books will be made available for the "Free" **Tables** at the **Show**. It has been decided not to try to have tours from WESTPEX due to problems with logistics, costs, insurance, etc. Ed Jarvis will be at the Marriott **Hotel** from Wednesday to Sunday and will man the Booth from Friday to Sunday.

- 10. Open House on Saturday May 21, 2022: Ed Jarvis confirmed that the next Library Open House, Silent Auction of more than 150 lots of philatelic material, and Sale of Duplicate Philatelic Literature at 50% off marked prices will be held on Saturday May 21, 2022 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, with the Auction closeout by 11:00 am. The Silent Auction List will be posted on the Website when available. An anonymous donor will match the total of books sold.
- 11. <u>Board Resignation</u>: Ed Jarvis announced the resignation of Steve Schumann from the FWPL BOD and as Secretary.
- 12. Next Board of Director's Meeting: Saturday June 18, 2022 at 10:00 am, at the Western Philatelic Library.

Respectfully submitted, Russ Samuels, Recording Secretary







Join us at the Library in Redwood City For Two Upcoming Events:

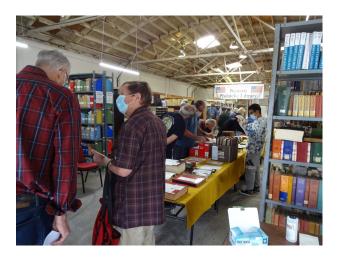
Open House, Silent Auction, and Sale of Duplicate Books /Philatelic Literature - 50% off!

Saturday, August 20, 2022

More than 75 lots of duplicate philatelic material for sale. Doors Open 9 am.

Close-out of auction by 12 noon. Books remain on sale until 1pm.

Check https://www.fwpl.org/ for auction lot updates.



Plus, save the date for the next similar event:

Saturday, October 15, 2022

Friends of the Western Philatelic Library, Inc. Telephone: 650-306-9150 Questions? info@fwpl.org

3004 Spring Street (@ 2nd Avenue), Redwood City Check https://www.fwpl.org/ for auction lot updates

Inquire about price lists of specialty books the Library has for sale, including but not limited to books of interest to collectors of:

German philately Hawaiian philately Civil War philately

Contact the Library for a price list.

Board Minutes (Saturday June 18, 2022)

Friends of the Western Philatelic Library Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, June 18, 2022

1. <u>Meeting Called to Order</u>: The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by Library President Ed Jarvis at the Western Philatelic Library, 3004 Spring Street, Redwood City CA 94063.

Roll Call found a Quorum of 5 Officers and Directors present: Richard Clever, Bob Gordon, Ed Jarvis, Nestor Nunez, and Roy Teixeira. Guests: Jim Giacomazzi and Eduardo Martino.

Recording Secretary: Russ Samuels.

- 2. <u>Minutes of Previous Board Meeting of April 9,</u>
 2022: The Minutes of the Meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by **Bob Gordon**, seconded by **Nestor Nunez**.
- 3. Treasurer's Report: Nestor Nunez previously emailed to the BOD the Financial Statement through May 31, 2022, detailing the income and expenditures including Balance Sheets, Profit and Loss Statements, and Cash Receipts including Mortgage Fundraising and Building and Safety Funds. Ed Jarvis thanked Nestor for getting this out to the **BOD** ahead of today's meeting. The highlight of the **Report** is that the **Library** has made an additional significant Mortgage Reduction of \$41,000 during the second quarter of 2022 on top of the monthly payments leaving a balance due of \$181,000 at the end of June. This is largely due to the fundraising efforts spearheaded by Library President Ed Jarvis and donations from Board members and anonymous donors. Nestor said the **Library** currently has funds available through February, 2023. The balloon payment on the Mortgage is also due in February 2023. The total picture is very positive because of the generosity of our donors. Future **Open Houses** with **Auctions** and **Book** Sales should generate further funds. (The recent May 2022 Silent Auction and Book Sale resulted in almost \$4,000). Ed Jarvis commented that the Balance Sheet shows the Library's total assets at \$632,000. He thinks the real value of the building alone is more than \$1 million, with the contents probably \$200,000. There have been more than \$23,000 in improvements made to the property in the last few years and the aggressive pay down of the Mortgage has saved about \$14,000. The cleaned-up Library makes donors more likely to donate

funds. **Richard Clever** moved to accept the **Treasurer's Report**, seconded by **Roy Teixeira** and passed unanimously.

4. <u>Fundraising</u>: **Bob Gordon** said there has not been any new activity for the **Go Fund Me Campaign**, but the **Campaign** is still active at the new **Go Fund Me** link: https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-the-western-philatelic-library-inc

The upcoming **Open Houses** should prove to be good opportunities for Fundraising. **Guest Eduardo Martino** made the suggestion of having a **Donation Box** in the **Library**.

- 5. Membership and Mailing Report: Richard Clever said that as of June 15, 2022 the current membership is 217 (which includes 6 overseas). The grand total includes 104 Life Members, 34 Complimentary, 2 New Members (paid to 2023), and 77 Current Members. There are currently no past due members. Richard previously sent out letters to the Complimentary Members to get email addresses, and he is looking into backing up the mailing list information with Roy Teixeira.
- 6. <u>Library Operations Report</u>: Roy Teixeira emailed the BOD Highlights of Recent Accomplishments at the WPL during April and May, 2022 prior to today's meeting:
- **1.)** Our **May Auction and Book Sale** was very successful thanks to everyone involved.
- **2.) Richard Clever** is continuing the pricing of duplicate books for sale.
- **3.)** Currently we are integrating the **U.S. Cancellation Club** material into our inventory.
- **4.) Dave Moore** has combined the **Books** and **Pamphlets** into a single research file.
- **5.)** Working with Redwood City to approve Handicap and 2 Hour Parking signs in front and side of our building.

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- **6.)** The **Netherlands Society** has been asked to remove or integrate their material with the WPL.
- 7.) Asking for Volunteers to call and retrieve all outstanding books.
- **8.)** Still looking for more **Volunteers** to keep the Library open.
- **9.)** Need to decide on the number of days for the **Library** to be open

In addition to the above list, Roy announced that **John** Cross helped update the Library's Data Base during the week after WESTPEX. Bob Gordon suggested contacting College Library Programs (such as San Jose State University) for Library Interns as was done a few years ago.

- 7. **Bay Phil**: Editor Bob Gordon said the deadline for the August 2022 issue is the end of July and will continue to emphasize **Fundraising**. Bob previously reported that the Library's new email address is: info@fwpl.org
- 8. Website: Bob Gordon previously said that Dave **Moore** has been working on integrating the pamphlet file with the book file, and has met three times with the contact for the In Magic Search System. The Library still needs a Webmaster.
- **9. Open House: Ed Jarvis** confirmed that the next two Library Open Houses, Silent Auctions of Philatelic Material, and Sales of Duplicate Philatelic Literature at 50% off marked prices will be held on Saturday August 20, 2022 and Saturday October 15, 2022. Viewing will begin at 9:00 am with Auction Lots closing at 11:00 am and Book Sales ending at 1:00 pm. The Silent Auction List will be posted on the Website and an anonymous donor again will match the total amount of books sold.
- 10. Official Policy Statement Regarding Checkingout Books: David Moore has created a new computer file to track books checked out from the Library. Previously unreturned books have been a problem with no real policy on due dates for borrowed books. Richard Clever moved to make a Four Week Deadline for

check-outs, seconded by Roy Teixeira and passed unanimously.

11. Policy Decision on 50% Off Book Sale: Roy Teixeira moved to make the 50% Off Book Sale

permanent in the Library, seconded by Bob Gordon and passed unanimously.

12. Other Business:

- a.) The American Society for Netherlands Philately has offered to donate their **Library** to the **WPL** and requested a list of duplicate books not needed by us to be made available to its members. Richard Clever has volunteered to type this up. The books have been stored at the Library for some time and its integration into our collection will free up shelf space. Any books not sold to the members of the ASNP will be offered in our duplicate book sales. **Richard Clever** moved to accept these terms, seconded by Roy Teixeira and passed unanimously.
- **b.)** Unsold Silent Auction Lots: A table will be set up in the **Library** to offer 10 lots at a time to anyone visiting. Other Unsold Lots can be sold via the PENPEX Flea Market Sales at the Show in December.
- 13. Next Board of Director's Meeting: Saturday August 13, 2022 at 10:00 am, at the Western Philatelic Library.
- 14. Adjournment: Roy Teixeira moved for Adjournment, seconded by Nestor Nunez, and without objection President Ed Jarvis adjourned the meeting at 11:41 am.

Respectfully submitted, Russ Samuels, Recording Secretary

New from USPS



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Book Review—Alan Warren

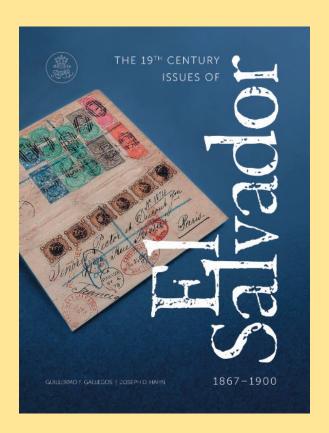
Review of: *The 19th Century Issues of El Salvador 1867-1900* by Guillermo F. Gallegos and Joseph D. Hahn. 894 pages, casebound, 9 x 11 ½ inches, Royal Philatelic Society London, 2021. ISBN 978-1-913015-14-5, £70 plus shipping from <u>Publications</u> (rpsl.org.uk).

This splendid handbook, based on decades of research and writing, reveals the rich treasury of the 19th century postage stamps of El Salvador in Central America. Preliminary notes outline the format for the manual's entries and the abbreviations used. This is not a priced catalog.

For each of the stamp issues the history and examples are shown using government decrees, proofs, essays, color trials, specimen stamps, and counterfeits and forgeries. The first chapter summarizes the postal system before the UPU in 1879. The following chapters deal with each issue showing rare archival material, printing and varieties, recorded uses with cancellations, and bogus examples. Postal stationery released during this period is incorporated chronologically in the listings. There is a detailed description of the complex Seebeck issues and the Hamilton Bank Note Engraving and Printing Co.

The handbook uses its own numbering system and includes a concordance with the numbers in the Scott, Michel, Yvert, and Gibbons catalogs. One appendix discusses telegraph stamps and another lists cancellation types used on each of the stamp issues. A glossary of Spanish terms, extensive bibliographic references, and an index conclude the book.

The layout is beautifully presented with excellent illustrations. This book is the definitive resource for studying the stamps of El Salvador in the latter half of the 19th century. Only 100 copies have been printed.



Alan Warren







Preparing for the two upcoming Open House events on August 20 and October 15.

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