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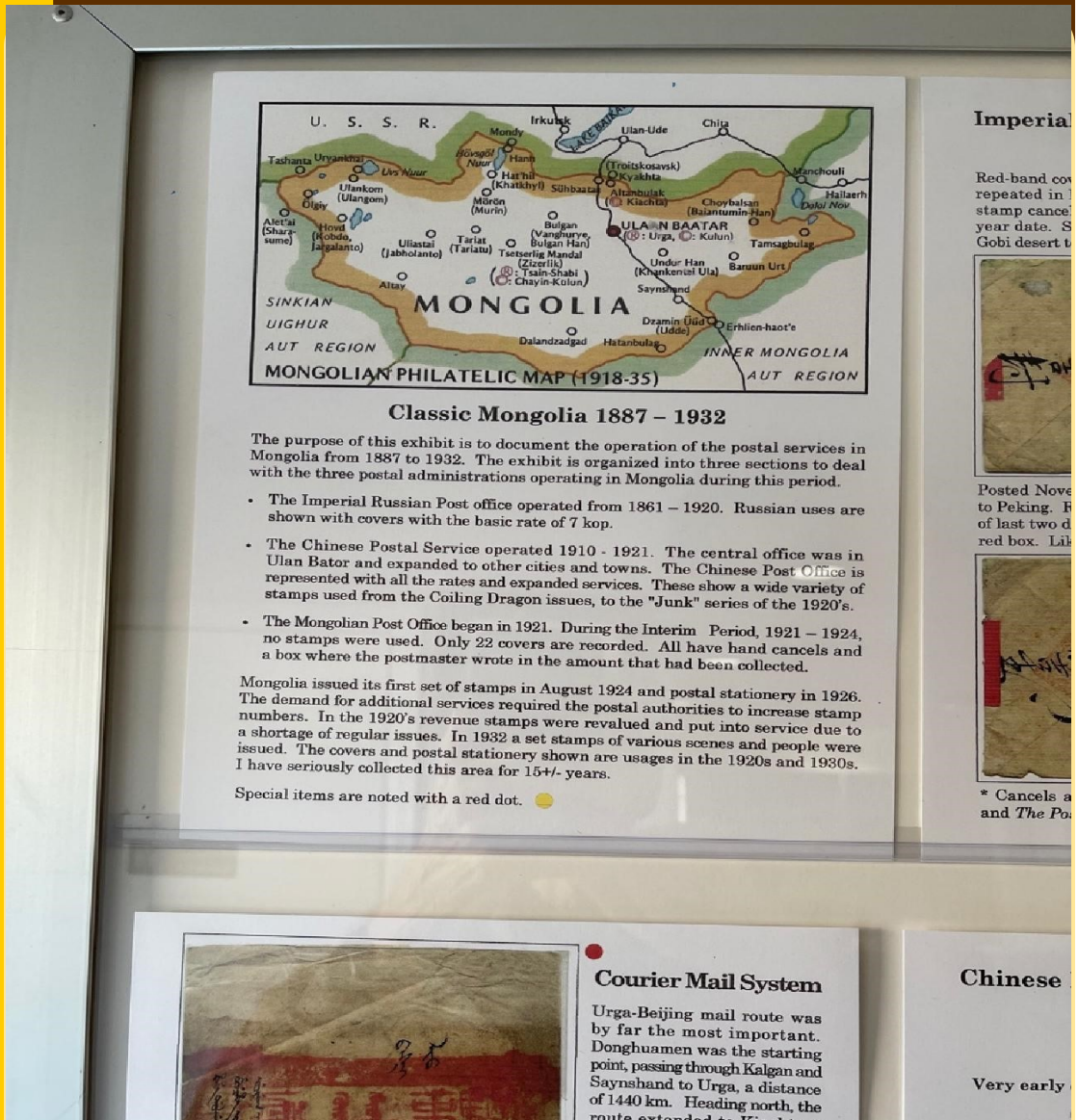
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ABOVE: A replica of Richard Clever's exhibit, Classic Mongolia 1887-1932, greets visitors to the Library. Contact the Library if you'd like a replica of your exhibit to be featured in one of the Library's new A-frames.



Bob Gordon, Editor

Editor's Corner

Dear Readers- If you want to know what's been happening with the Library over the past year, you've come to the right place. Find a comfortable chair, put your feet up and read about progress made during the past several months. Minutes from the August, October and December 2021 meetings are here. These minutes wouldn't be possible without the talents of Russ Samuels, Recording Secretary.

We appreciate you, Russ!

We also want to appreciate everyone who made donations, pitched in to organize and/or attended the Library's Open House and Silent Auction last August 21st. We hope we can hold a similar event in the future!

Contact the Library at 650-306-9150 or info@fwpl.org

Library Hours: Mon and Thu 9am-1pm (call to verify)

New Members

Welcome and thank you to our newest Life members: Golden Gate Stamp Club (San Francisco), Alex Haimann (St. Louis, MO), John Seidl (Marietta, GA), Sequoia Stamp Club (Redwood City)

Welcome and thank you to our newest members: Dan Aguiar (Atherton), Ralph Anavy (San Francisco), William Anderson (San Jose), Dennis Buss (Petaluma), Scott English (Bellefonte, PA), Jim Giacomazzi (Redwood City), Richard Leon (San Francisco), David L. Occipinti (San Jose), David Pollard (Palo Alto), Raymond Peng (San Francisco), San Jose Postcard Club (San Jose), Paula Tint (Walnut Creek) & Kent Tool (San Francisco).



Board Minutes (Pages 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10)

**Friends of the Western Philatelic Library
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, August 14, 2021**

1. Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at **10:01 am** by **Library President Ed Jarvis** at the **Western Philatelic Library, 3004 Spring Street, Redwood City CA 94063.**

Roll Call found a **Quorum of 7 Officers and Directors** present: **Richard Clever, Bob Gordon, Dar Hay (attended via telephone connection), Ed Jarvis, Nestor Nunez, Steve Schumann, and Roy Teixeira.**

Regrets for Absence: **Roger Skinner**

Guest: **Judy Jarvis.**

Recording Secretary: **Russ Samuels (attended via telephone connection).**

2. Minutes of Previous Board Meetings of June 12, 2021: The **Minutes** of the **Meeting** were approved unanimously on a motion by **Richard Clever**, seconded by **Roy Teixeira.**

3. Treasurer's Report: **Nestor Nunez** previously e-mailed to the **BOD** the five-page **Financial Statement** through **July 31, 2021**, 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. **Nestor** said that thanks to the efforts of **President Ed Jarvis**, \$125,000 has been raised so far in the **Mortgage Fundraising** of which \$70,000 has been used to pay down the loan. **Nestor** recommends paying down another \$30,000 now and holding \$25,000 out for **Library Operating Costs** through **March 2022.** The **Prepaid Insurance** was renewed in **June 2021** with **Directors and Officer's Liability Insurance** added. **Roy Teixeira** moved, seconded by **Bob Gordon**, to give **President Ed Jarvis** the authority to pay another \$30,000 on the mortgage and hold back \$25,000 for operating expenses. The motion passed unanimously.

4. FWPL at WESTPEX: **Dar Hay** previously sent the **BOD** a detailed report on this year's presence of the

FWPL at WESTPEX July 30 to August 1. Gross Sales of **\$1,867.25** were reduced by moving and **Labor Ready** expenses incurred to about **\$1,100.** Sales were down about 50% from normal on the first day. About 80 banker's boxes of books were moved to the Show. **Nestor Nunez** thanked **Dar** for managing the transportation and move-in/move-out. **Dar** thanked **Nestor** for the prompt reimbursement of expenses he incurred in the process. Members of **Roger Skinner's** family also helped.

5. EBay Report - Selling Philatelic Material: **Dar Hay** reported **EBay** sales for the last two months netted the **Library** about \$2,600 after fees, with possibly another \$300 on Sunday August 15. The average sale price per lot is about \$95. **Dar** is trying to sell books at market value to maximize realizations and sees **EBay** sales as valuable potential income.

At this point Dar informed the BOD that, due to the coming selling season for his own material (his core business), he is asking that the Board replace him, and announced that he is resigning from selling material for the Library on EBay.

Richard Clever moved, seconded by **Roy Teixeira**, to thank **Dar Hay** for all his previous work selling books on **EBay.** The motion passed unanimously. **Ed Jarvis** and **Dar Hay** will come up with a strategy for transition to a replacement for **Dar.** Meanwhile, 128 current listings must be taken down.

6. Funds Raising and Publicity:

a. Campaign to Pay Down Mortgage on the Property:

I. Report to Date: **Nestor Nunez** covered this in the **Treasurer's Report.**

II. Future: **Nestor Nunez** said that **Ed Jarvis** has been very active in raising funds to pay down the principal on the mortgage, often based on the photos taken of the cleaned up **Library.** For the immediate future, **Nestor** thinks we should take a slight pause as some of our major donors have other commitments.

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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
- Secretary:** Steve Schumann
- Treasurer:** Nestor Nunez
- Operations Manager:** Roy C. Teixeira
- Board Member at large:** Bob Gordon
- Director Emeritus:** Stuart Leven



Volunteers:

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



Thank you!

GoFundMe and Other Donors

Lois Bertelson (Sunnyvale), Ron Biell (San Jose), California Collectors Club (San Francisco), Richard Clever (San Jose), Charles Drucker (Pacifica), Herb Fischgrund (Palo Alto), Doug Gary (Campbell), Gordon Eubanks (Pebble Beach), Vesma Grinfelds (San Francisco), Thomas Herinckx (Oxnard), Clyde Homen (Hollister), Clyde E. Kuhn (Sacramento), Charles LaBlonde (Colorado Springs, CO), Ed Laveroni (Los Gatos), Emory Lee (Palo Alto), Wayne Menuz (San Jose), David Myers (Munster, IN), Charles Nelson (Bellingham WA), Northern Philatelic Library (Portland, OR), Kaylynn Peter (San Francisco), David Pollard (Palo Alto), Stephen Schumann (Hayward), Boris Sheykhetov (San Francisco), Jake Solomon (San Rafael), C. Souers (Pleasanton), Roy Teixeira (Sunnyvale), Paula Tint (Walnut Creek) and Michael Turrini (Vallejo)

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

or make a donation online at GoFundMe (new link):

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

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We will start up again in the last quarter of 2021 or the first quarter of 2022.

The **Go Fund Me Campaign** will have a new page which has not been activated yet, according to **Bob Gordon**, who started the original campaign a little over a year ago in July 2020. Nestor stated that the financial picture for the **Library** has never been this great.

b. Open House, Auction, and Book Sale Saturday

August 21, 2021: The date of the next **Open House, Auction, and Book Sale** has now been set for the third Saturday in August with doors opening at 10:00 am for auction lot viewing and the Auction beginning at 11:00 am. **Wally Jolliff, Ken Lewetzow, and Richard Clever** have put together 66 lots. **Roy Teixeira** said we have enough tables and chairs as we did the last time we had this event and he has recruited 18 volunteers to help out, many from the **Sequoia Stamp Club**. **Bob Gordon** emphasized the importance of requiring all participants at the **Open House** to wear masks, which will be made available to anyone needing one. There will also be proper ventilation with the larger doors open at either end of the building.

7. Membership and Mailing Report: **Richard Clever** said that the current membership is 205 (which includes 7 overseas). The grand total includes 98 **Life Members**, 32 complimentary, 62 current members, and 6 not paid since 2020. Richard will send out letters to the complimentary members to get email addresses

8. Library Operations Report: **Roger Skinner** was absent so there was no report.

9. Bay Phil: Editor **Bob Gordon** announced that the issue dated **August 2021** was mailed out on July 23 ahead of **WESTPEX** and the **Open House**. The **August Issue** emphasized the **Open House, Auction, and Book Sale** on the front cover, while inside the **Matching Funds Campaign**, ongoing **Go Fund Me Campaign**, and the usual features (especially thanking donors) were emphasized. Extra copies of the **Bay Phil** were made available for **WESTPEX**. Bob also had printed 100 one-page fliers highlighting the **Open House, Auction, and Book Sale** as well as the **Matching Funds** and **Go Fund Me Campaigns** for distribution at **WESTPEX**. The next issue will be dated **December 2021**. **Ed Jarvis** said the August Issue was “Marvelous!”, and both **Nestor**

Nunez and Roy Teixeira called it “Another Superb Job!”

10. Website: A new **Webmaster** is still needed. Due to lack of payment, the **Website** was not accessible for several days recently, but is back on-line now. Details of the **Auction** and **Lot List** were added to the **Home Page**.

11. Building Cleanup Update: **Roy Teixeira** reported that he has continued making more room for reference books and thanked **Richard Clever** and **Dave Moore** for helping him with this job ahead of the **Open House**. Roy said we are 100% ready for the event although there are still several boxes which have to be examined and sorted. A new **Computer System** (Windows 10 Pro with Office 365, and Offline Library Catalogue) has been installed in the Main Library, as well as a wireless laser printer. Office 365 has been installed on the Office Computer and wireless access for the printer has been enabled. A laptop with Windows 10, Office 365, and Offline Library Catalogue is available. A new wireless phone also was installed.

a. Long-term use of the parking lot. Taking up space and liability issues: The van in the parking lot owned by **Roger Skinner** is apparently not in working condition and is unsafe. **Steve Schumann** moved, seconded by **Roy Teixeira**, that **Roger Skinner** should move the van out of the parking lot no later than two weeks from the meeting date (August 28, 2021). The motion passed unanimously with **Dar Hay** abstaining. *(The van was subsequently removed prior to the Open House.)*

b. Reaffirming policy on acceptance of non-stamp/philatelic material. More than 80 boxes of Art Books were donated to **Dar Hay** who dropped them off at the Library when he was arranging the movement of books to **WESTPEX**. **Dar** claimed to be unaware of the policy and it was his intention to sell the books for the benefit of the Library. As **Dar** said he no longer has time to sell books for the Library, and said he is also resigning from the **FWPL BOD**, **Steve Schumann** moved, seconded by **Bob Gordon**, that **Dar Hay** move his personal property from the **Library** in the next 14 days (by August 29). The motion passed unanimously with **Dar Hay** abstaining. *(The books were subsequently removed from the Library.)*

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12. Regularizing Election to the BOD: Nestor Nunez pointed out that five or more of the current **Board Members** were appointed at various times to the **BOD**. According to the **FWPL By Laws** the **BOD** should consist of from six to 12 members. In order to regularize the election of directors who hold 6 year terms, there should be one third of the directors elected every two years. Due to the crisis situation in which the Library found itself in over the last several years this process was not followed. With the improvement of the situation going forward it is time to correct this process with an election.

a. Creation of Nominating Committee: Ed Jarvis will name a **Nominating Committee** of three members who are not on the current **BOD**. **David McNamee** has agreed to serve, and Ed plans to ask **Daryl Reiber** and **Behruz Nassre** as well.

b. BOD Assignment of Terms of Current BOD Members: In order to hold an election for the **BOD** it is necessary to identify those **Directors** whose terms are expiring this year. With **Dar Hay's** resignation at this meeting (*his formal resignation was sent to President Ed Jarvis by email following the meeting*), the **BOD** is now down to seven members. **Steve Schumann** suggested dividing the election to the **BOD** into two-year, four-year, and six-year terms, with **Directors** designated for those terms by drawing names. **Nestor Nunez** thinks this is a good solution. The election will be taken up again at the next **BOD Meeting**.

13. Other New Business: **Nestor Nunez** moved, seconded by **Roy Teixeira**, that the door locks on the **Library** should be re-keyed, with a list of people who should have access. The motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote. Additionally, **Nestor Nunez** moved, seconded by **Steve Schumann**, that **Stu Leven** be named a **Director Emeritus**. This motion also passed unanimously.

14. Next Board of Director's Meeting: Saturday October 9, 2021 at 10:00 am at the **Western Philatelic Library**.

Friends of the Western Philatelic Library Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, October 16, 2021

1. Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at **10:01 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, (attended via telephone connection), Ed Jarvis, Nestor Nunez, and Roy Teixeira**.

Regrets for Absence: **Steve Schumann** and **Roger Skinner**.

Guest: **David McNamee**.

Recording Secretary: **Russ Samuels (attended via telephone connection)**.

2. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting of August 14, 2021: The **Minutes** of the **Meeting** were approved unanimously on a motion by **Richard Clever**, seconded by **Nestor Nunez**.

3. Treasurer's Report: **Nestor Nunez** previously e-mailed to the **BOD** the five-page **Financial Statement** through **September 30, 2021**, 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 considering his heavy schedule at the end of tax season. The highlight of the **Report** is that the **Library** currently has funds thru **July 2022** including \$7,883 for **Operations** and \$26,560 to make **Mortgage Payments**. After the **August 2021 Mortgage Reduction** payment of \$30,000, the balance due in February 2023 will be \$340,000. This will need to be paid in full or refinanced. The **Building Improvement Funds** have been exhausted and **Future Capital Improvements** now will have to come from **Operating Funds**. **Roy Teixeira** moved, seconded by **Richard Clever**, to accept the **Treasurer's Report** as presented and the motion passed unanimously.

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4. Funds Raising and Publicity: Ed Jarvis referred to the **Mortgage Reduction Campaign** mentioned by Nestor Nunez and said we will be continuing with our effort after **January 1, 2022**. Bob Gordon announced that there is a new link to the **Go Fund Me Page** as the old one closed as of September 30, 2021. The new link will be published in the **December 2021 Bay Phil** and has been emailed to the **BOD**. For the record, it is <https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-the-western-philatelic-library-inc>

5. Membership and Mailing Report: Richard Clever said that the current membership is 212 (which includes 6 overseas). The grand total includes 101 **Life Members**, 36 **Complimentary**, 9 **New Members**, 65 **Current Members**, and 1 not paid since 2020. Richard will send out letters to the **Complimentary Members** to get email addresses.

6. Library Operations Report: Roy Teixeira reported that 26 phone messages had been received and responded to and several donations have been brought into the **Library**. A lady will be coming in on Monday as well, and another donation is pending.

7. Bay Phil: Editor Bob Gordon announced that the next issue dated **December 2021** will be sent out later that month. The ongoing **Go Fund Me Campaign**, and the usual features (especially thanking donors) will be emphasized. Wayne Menuz, **Treasurer of the Collectors Club of San Francisco**, said that the club is planning to hold a meeting at the **Library**, and Ed Jarvis suggested that photos of this event should be featured in the December issue. There will be lots of photos of the **August 2021 Open House** and recent shots of the cleaned-up **Library** including **Roy Teixeira's Office** and the **Books for Sale Section**. Bob said that the **Library's** new email address: info@fwpl.org

8. Website: A new **Webmaster** is still badly needed. Ed Jarvis reported that **Dave Moore** has been making temporary patches to keep it updated as needed. The **Board** greatly appreciates Dave's efforts!

9. Building Cleanup Campaign Update: Roy Teixeira reported that the cleanup is about 80% complete and thanked **Richard Clever**, **Dave Moore**, and **Ed Jarvis** for helping him with this job. The main focus has been more than 1,000 boxes as well as moving all the file cabinets containing tear sheets to a new location in the building.

There is now a new area to display books for sale. We are now concentrating on outstanding (overdue) books that need to be returned to the **Library**. **Stu Leven** has offered to check books that are still lying around the **Library**. **Ed Jarvis** exclaimed that it is "magical" to see how good the **Library** looks.

a. Repairs to Cement Floor in Building: Roy Teixeira has received a quote of \$1,200 from **Bay Area Paving Co.** to fill the cracks and holes in the cement floor in the **Library**. This quote is in connection with a quote of \$2,800 for:

b. Repairs to Sidewalk on Spring Street: A 16' by 9' area near the entrance to the **Library** badly needs work. Both of these can be accomplished in November when the City is having sidewalk replacement work done. **Roy Teixeira** said there are funds available for this project. **Nestor Nunez** moved, seconded by **Richard Clever** to accept the quotes for this work. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Recognition Wall in Library: Nestor Nunez proposed that there should be a place in the **Library** to recognize **Financial Supporters** as well as **Volunteers** who keep the **Library** running. He thinks that a working group should be formed to find a way to do this and hopes to have suggestions by the next **BOD Meeting**. **David McNamee**, **Nestor Nunez**, and **Roy Teixeira** volunteered to be in this group.

11. Operations Manager: Ed Jarvis announced that **Roy Teixeira** has volunteered to be the **Operations Manager**. Roy will be in charge of the day to day running of the **Library**. **Nestor Nunez**, seconded by **Richard Clever**, moved that Roy be authorized to incur expenditures of up to \$500 a month. (**David McNamee** suggested that these expenditures be reported at the end of each month to the **Treasurer**). The motion passed unanimously. **Ed Jarvis** said naming Roy to this position was long overdue.

12. Next Board of Director's Meeting: Saturday **December 11, 2021** at **10:00 am** at the **Western Philatelic Library**.

13. Adjournment: Roy Teixeira moved for **Adjournment**, and without objection **President Ed Jarvis** adjourned the meeting at **10:38 am** after thanking everyone for all their hard work on behalf of the **Library**.

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**Friends of the Western Philatelic Library
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, December 11, 2021**

1. Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by **Library President Ed Jarvis** as a Telephone Conference Call facilitated by **Bob Gordon**.

Roll Call found a **Quorum of 6 Officers and Directors** present: **Richard Clever, Bob Gordon, Ed Jarvis, Nestor Nunez, Steve Schumann,** and **Roy Teixeira**.

Recording Secretary: Russ Samuels.

2. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting of October 16, 2021: The **Minutes of the Meeting** were approved unanimously on a motion by **Nestor Nunez**, seconded by **Roy Teixeira**.

3. Treasurer's Report: **Nestor Nunez** previously e-mailed to the **BOD** the five-page **Financial Statement** through **November 30, 2021**, 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 \$122,000 during 2021 on top of the monthly payments leaving a balance due of \$340,000. This is largely due to the fundraising efforts spearheaded by **Library President Ed Jarvis** and donations from Board members and anonymous donors.

David McNamee recently sent out an email proposal to have 12 donors pledge \$30,000 each to retire the balance ahead of the **February 2023** balloon payment deadline. So far \$60,000 has been pledged with a third potential donor identified. Some other very positive news is the donation by way of **Vesma Grinfelds** and the **CCC BOD** of just over \$4,000 from the treasury of the recently dissolved **California Collectors Club**. **Nestor** said the **Library** currently has funds for monthly expenses through **August 2022**. There has been concern that the previous yearly \$5,000 donation from **WESTPEX** will not be forthcoming due to projected unprecedented losses from the **2021 and 2022 Shows**. **Richard Clever** moved to accept the **Treasurer's Report**, seconded by **Steve Schumann** and passed unanimously.

4. Fundraising and Publicity: **Bob Gordon** announced that there is a new link to the **Go Fund Me Page** as the old one closed as of September 30, 2021. The new link will be published in the **December 2021 Bay Phil** and has been emailed to the **BOD**. **Bob** suggested anyone donating \$25 or more receive a **WPL Membership**. **Steve Schumann** made a motion to accept this suggestion, seconded by **Roy Teixeira** and passed unanimously. Also, both the **Sequoia Stamp Club** and the **Golden Gate Stamp Club** have purchased **Life Memberships**. For the record, the new **Go Fund Me** link is: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-the-western-philatelic-library-inc>

5. Membership and Mailing Report: **Richard Clever** said that as of **December 9, 2021** the current membership is 213 (which includes 6 overseas). The grand total includes 100 **Life Members**, 35 **Complimentary**, 18 **New Members** (since June 2021), and 78 **Current Members**.

The increase in memberships are from various clubs. **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. Library Operations and Library Cleanup Report: **Roy Teixeira** reported that much progress has been accomplished at the **Library** thanks to help from **Dave Moore, Richard Clever, Stu Leven, Wally Jolliff,** and **Roy and Sigrid Teixeira**. The **Library** has donated 38 boxes of **Railroad** books to the **South Bay Historical Railroad Society**. (See SBHRS.org) and 12 boxes of duplicate bound journals to the **San Diego Philatelic Library**. Four boxes of duplicate books were taken to **Filatelic Fiesta** and **PENPEX** and handed out for free. Our driveway and handicap ramp has been completed, with cement work inside the building and additional LED lighting scheduled for completion. All of the books in the **Library** are in process for being rearranged, with duplicate books being removed and made available for sale. Postal guides and auction catalogues have been moved to a separate area and books for sale have been priced and moved to a sales area. Books belonging to different **Philatelic Societies** have been integrated with our titles, and new titles have been added to our shelves thanks to **Stu Leven's** entries into our Data Base. Ongoing sorting of journals and Data entries are being done by **Dave Moore**.

7. Bay Phil: **Editor Bob Gordon** said he is in the process of completing the **December 2021** issue by the end of the month. The ongoing **Go Fund Me Campaign**, and the usual features (especially thanking donors) will be emphasized. There will be photos of the **August 2021 Open House**. **Bob** said that the **Library's** new email address is: info@fwpl.org

8. Website: **Bob Gordon** said that **Dave Moore** has been making updates as required. **Dave** and **Bob** have met on Zoom to discuss what will be the **Website** priorities in **2022**, such as a list of books available for sale, and the search ability of books available in the **Library**. **Dave** has been able to add enough space to the **Website** to allow posting of the **BayPhil** through **2027!** Neither **Bob**, nor **Dave** want the title of **Webmaster**, but are trying to keep the **Website** functioning.

9. FWPL AT PENPEX 2021: **Roy Teixeira** brought a number of free items to give away at the table he shared with the **San Jose Post Card Club** at **PENPEX** on the weekend of December 4 and 5. **Roy** hopes to be more organized next year and said he should have a second person as backup.

10. Preparing the Library to Host Club/Society Meetings: **Wayne Menuz** previously expressed interest in having a meeting of the **Collectors Club of San Francisco** at the **Library**. Some updated electronics equipment such as a **Solid State Flat Screen** for **Power Point** presentations with audio might be an added inducement. **Roy Teixeira** noted that the **Library** currently houses the **WESTPEX** projectors and screens. **The Library Cleanup** has made ample space for 40 to 50 chairs for large meetings. Funds for additional equipment might be provided as a donation from the **CCSF**. It was suggested that the nearby **Sequoia Stamp Club's Board and Membership** be invited to use the **Library** for a meeting or other activity.

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Essay—Larry Nix

Libraries – A Topical Philatelic Obsession

By Larry T. Nix



I have collected worldwide and U.S. stamps since I was a teen, but 26 years ago I also began collecting stamps featuring libraries and archives. Since then my interest in philatelic items related to libraries has become an obsession. I was greatly assisted in this endeavor by the American Topical Association and one of its

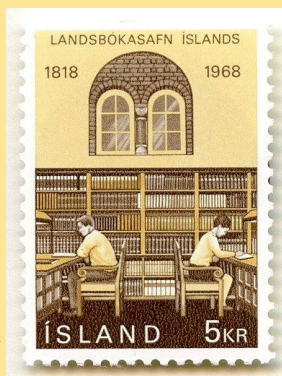
units, the Graphics Philately Association (GPA). I highly recommend adding at least one topical area to your philatelic collecting interests. Graphic philately is a great possibility for those with an interest in philatelic libraries and literature. In addition to libraries and archives, graphic philately includes alphabets, printing, books, graphic design, communication, and more.

Among the most helpful services the GPA provides is a comprehensive worldwide listing of stamps that have been issued which relate to graphic philately. This list is arranged by specific topic areas such as libraries and are updated regularly by the excellent journal of the GPA - *PHILATELI-GRAPHICS*.

In my collecting area of libraries and archives, one of my favorite stamps is the U.S. 1982 Library of Congress stamp (Scott 2004) which features the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress. The stamp was designed by Bradbury Thompson, one of the world's great graphic designers. Thompson also designed a companion stamp "America's Libraries" (Scott 2015) that was also issued in 1982 and includes some of the same design elements.

The Dag Hammarskjold Library of the United Nations in New York City appears on more postage stamps than any other library in the world. This is because it is often shown as part of the United Nations complex. The library is depicted in the foreground of a stamp issued by

the United Nations in 1991 (Scott 592). It was engraved by Czeslaw Slania who many consider to be the world's greatest engraver of stamps.

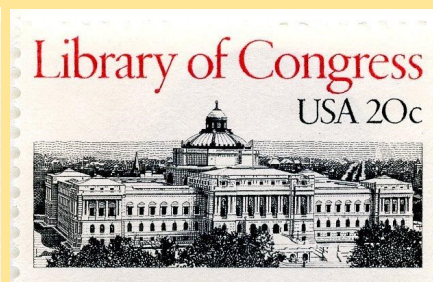


The Library of Parliament in Ottawa Canada is featured on several Canadian stamps. Its first appearance was on a stamp issued in 1929 (Scott 173). The library was built in 1876. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of its National Library in Reykjavik, Iceland issued a pair of stamps in 1968 (Scott 400, 401). I like these stamps

because they show library users.

The British Library has one of the most extensive philatelic collections in the world. In 2006 St. Helena issued a souvenir sheet (Scott 893) and six individual stamps (Scott 887-892) featuring "Treasures of the British Library".

My obsession with libraries and philately goes far beyond postage stamps. It includes a wide variety of postal artifacts. I have developed multiple philatelic exhibits on library themes. One of my exhibits is on America's Philatelic Libraries and Museums and it includes a cover from the Western Philatelic Library.



To find out more about the Graphics Philately Association, visit <http://www.graphics-stamps.org> or contact Larry Rosenblum, President at larry_gpa@larryr.com.

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11. Other: Ed Jarvis had hoped to have an **Open House** again early next year, but said it is now hard to schedule due to the recent surges in **Covid Variants**. Ed also mentioned that the **Redwood Empire Collectors Club**, sponsor of the annual **WINEPEX Show**, has lost its venue at the **Marin Civic Center** and has given their 24 A-frames to the **Library** for storage and use. On a rotating basis, eight to ten frames of exhibits (with color photo copies) can be shown. **WINEPEX Show Chairman Kurt Schau** wants access to the frames if needed in the future. **Roy Teixeira** suggests no more than three frames per exhibit. At present, six different one frames are ready for exhibit.

Bob Gordon, looking ahead to **WESTPEX 2022**, suggested that shuttle tours be arranged to the **Library** from the **Show** next April.

Nestor Nunez noted that about \$400 is needed every six months for binding journals. **Michael Turrini** has donated a jar of half dollars worth about \$450. In the spirit of the holidays, “Santa Claus” has matched this amount and rounded it up to \$1,000. This is a targeted donation for the binding fund.

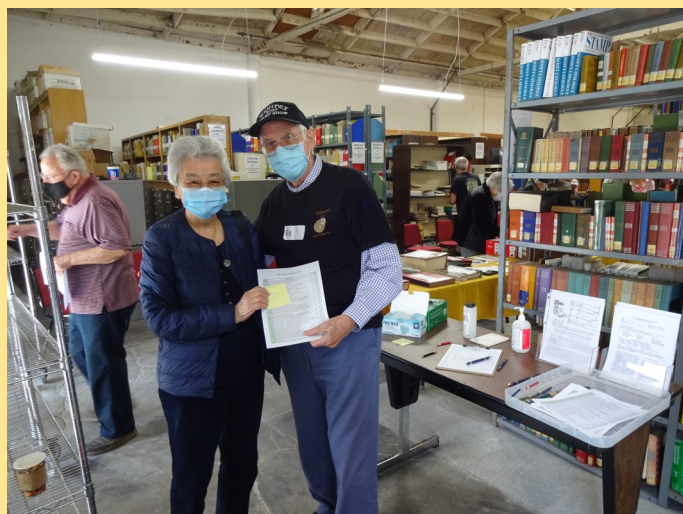
12. Next Board of Director’s Meeting: Saturday February 12, 2022 at 10:00 am, hopefully at the **Western Philatelic Library**.

13. Adjournment: Richard Clever moved for **Adjournment**, and without objection **President Ed Jarvis** adjourned the meeting at 11:01 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Samuels,
Recording Secretary

Open House & Silent Auction Photos



Dozens turned out for the Library’s Open House and Silent Auction held on Saturday August 21. Everybody stayed safe and enjoyed getting a first hand look at the many improvements to the Library. Some went home with new treasures after finding themselves the winning bidder. Thank you to all who donated and otherwise participated!



Book Review—Alan Warren

Although not a serious collector at the time, the author worked at a campus post office while in college. She decided to explore the world of collecting and stumbled into philately where she found a wealth of books and other resources, namely the Smithsonian National Postal Museum among others. Instead of postal history, her focus is on the United States' stamp program and how the collecting public interacted with the government to influence the commemorative issues that came about.

The collecting mania of the mid-19th century led to such organizations as the American Numismatic Association in 1858 (coins) and the Grolier Club in 1884 (books). Stamp collecting seems to have sprouted in the 1860s and had become a serious pastime in the 70s and 80s around the world as well as in the United States. Brennan explores the establishment of clubs and larger collector organizations. In 1898 the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences established a Section of Philately to promote stamp collecting.

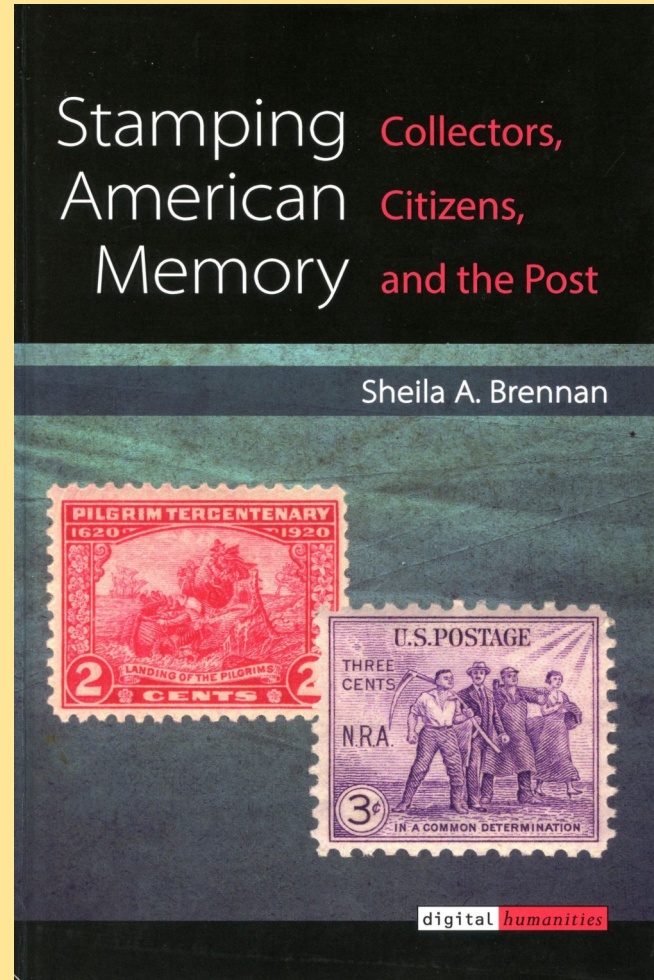
She accessed such early journals as *Stamp Collector's Record*, *The Pennsylvania Philatelist* and the *American Journal of Philately* to examine early trends in the hobby. In 1886 the American Philatelic Association was born, now known as the American Philatelic Society. Along the way Brennan looks at the evolution of stamp albums, the collecting instinct in general, stamp clubs in schools, the Boy Scouts program, and the philatelic exhibitions beginning with the first U. S. international in 1913.

The author then turns her attention to the United States Post Office Department and the release of commemorative issues beginning with the Columbians and the Trans-Mississippi in the 1890s. Also during the 1890s John Wanamaker served as Postmaster General and brought his retailing expertise into the picture. The public liked the idea, and it was realized that collectors were buying the new stamps and salting them away instead of using them on mail. In a further effort to work with collectors the USPOD established the Philatelic Agency in 1921.

Author Brennan describes the subsequent commemorative issues like the Panama-Pacific Exposition, Pilgrim Tercentenary, and the many other stamps released during the interwar years of the 1920s and 30s and the Famous Americans. Her book ends in 1939-1940, but not before giving a nod to the USPOD Philatelic Truck which toured the country using commemorative stamps to reflect the story of collecting and exhibiting.

A 16-page bibliography records the primary and secondary sources used to prepare this book, which concludes with an index. Illustrations suffer as they are embedded in the text rather than on glossy paper and are largely images from the NPM. Stamp collectors will enjoy this journey through the hobby from its founding until the point where both the government and the public were involved with the anticipated new issues.

Alan Warren



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