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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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## We DID it!

**On Saturday, February 11th 2023 at 10am, the lien holders and several Board Members gathered at the Library for the official pay off and signing off on the note.**

Nestor Nunez prepared the paperwork for the lien holders and had cashier checks to pay them. President Ed Jarvis noted: "Believe it or not, the balance on our mortgage is zero. The dream of paying off the mortgage is now a reality. Friends of the Western Philatelic Library, Inc. now owns the building outright." Ed continued: "I want to thank each and every donor for giving \$10 or \$10,000, or in some cases \$100,000 or more to this endeavor. A tremendous effort by the stamp collecting community. The future of the Library looks very, very bright."



Bob Gordon, Editor

## Editor's Corner

**Hello Friends of the Library!** Two big events are coming up:  
1) WESTPEX 2023 is April 28-30 and 2) the Library's 2nd Garage Sale and Open House on Saturday May 13. See page 7. Fun times for all philatelists!

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

**New Extended Hours:** In addition to Mondays and Thursdays, the Library is now open Saturdays 10am—1pm. Come by for a visit!

Want to contact the Library? 650-306-9150 or [info@fwpl.org](mailto:info@fwpl.org)

Donations always welcome at the Library's GoFundMe site:

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

**Welcome  
and  
Thank You  
to our newest  
Library members:**

David Gibson (San Francisco)  
Peter Hausknecht (Cupertino)  
Michael Hillebrecht (Germany)  
Christopher Kallenburg (San Francisco)  
Emory Lee (Palo Alto)  
Dennis Moreno (Sunnyvale)



# Board Minutes (Saturday December 10, 2022)

Friends of the Western Philatelic Library  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, December 10, 2022

**1. Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 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: Bob Gordon, Ed Jarvis, Eduardo Martino, Nestor Nunez, and Roy Teixeira. **Regrets for Absence:** Richard Clever. **Recording Secretary:** Russ Samuels (attended via phone).

**2. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting of October 8, 2022:** The Minutes of the Meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Bob Gordon, seconded by Nestor Nunez.

**3. New Board Members:** Roy Teixeira has been speaking with Jim Giacomazzi and John Corwin as prospective Board Members at Large.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Nestor Nunez previously e-mailed to the BOD the 5-page Financial Statement through November 30, 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 currently has funds available through February, 2023. The Library has made significant Mortgage Reduction payments on top of the \$2,800 monthly payments leaving a balance due of just under \$109,000 at the end of November. Another \$5,000 was received since our September Meeting. Approximately \$16,000 in interest expense has been saved as a result of the approximately \$2,000 monthly reduction to the principal versus \$1,600 previously. The total picture is very positive because of the generosity of our donors, and additional donations from Board Members and anonymous donors are expected ahead of the Mortgage Balloon Payment of \$109,000 that is due in February 2023. Future Open Houses with Auctions and Book Sales will generate further funds and we will try to have

these about three times a year. We are confident that the Mortgage will be paid off in February! Bob Gordon moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Roy Teixeira and passed unanimously.

**5. Fundraising:** Bob Gordon said the Go Fund Me Campaign is still active at this link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-the-western-philatelic-library-inc> The 2023 Open Houses should prove to be good opportunities for Fundraising, including membership applications and Book Sales.

**6. Membership and Mailing Report:** Richard Clever sent an email that as of December 9, 2022 the current membership is 217 (which includes 6 overseas). The grand total includes 98 Life Members (including one new), 31 Complimentary, and 79 Current Members (35 Members are paid to 2023). 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.

**7. Library Operations Report:** Roy Teixeira reported that Richard Clever continues to make a list of items for sale by category to be published in the Bay Phil or in a mailing. Book Sales continue to generate a decent bit of revenue for the Library. Roy also noted that Siemens Medical Group is donating some nice tables and book shelves. Nestor Nunez suggested getting some movers to help with this donation.

**8. Bay Phil:** Editor Bob Gordon reported that the December issue of the Bay Phil was sent to the printer earlier this week and should be arriving in the mail soon. The front cover features a cartoon image alluding to our upcoming "Mortgage Note Burning" in February 2023. Bob previously reported that the Library's new email address is: [info@fwpl.org](mailto:info@fwpl.org)

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# Board Members

Western Philatelic Library APS Chapter 836

## Library Board Members

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

## Volunteers:

- John Corwin** Proofreader
- Wally Jolliff** Auctioneer
- Jim Giacomazzi** Auctioneer
- David McNamee** Consultant to Board of Directors
- Ian "Russ" Samuels** Recording Secretary



# Thank you for your donations!

Robert/Maggie Caughie (Novato), Jennifer Cray (San Carlos),  
 Frederick Dunn (San Francisco), Dale Eggen (Los Altos), Doug Gary (Campbell),  
 Clyde Homen (Hollister), Jannette Jensen (Sunnyvale), Hans Kremer (Danville), Gary  
 McLean (Minneapolis), Kerstin Reboh (Palo Alto), UPSS Publications (Chester, VA),  
 Ray Younkins (Washington Grove, MD) and Peter Whiting (Cleveland Heights, OH)

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 P.O. Box 7063, Redwood City, CA 94063-7063  
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-the-western-philatelic-library-inc>

# Board Minutes (Saturday December 10, 2022 and Saturday February 18, 2023)

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9. **Website:** Bob Gordon previously said that Dave Moore has been making updates on the Website every so often including links for the Open House Auction Lots and Archive of the Bay Phil. Ed Jarvis offered his thanks to Dave for his efforts. The Library still needs a Webmaster.

10. **Next Open House:** Ed Jarvis suggested that the next Library Open House be held on Saturday March 11 or March 18, 2023. This will be discussed at the next BOD meeting.

11. **Other Business:** John Kofranek of the Alameda Stamp Club has invited the Library to participate in a meeting of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies in May or June 2023. Ed Jarvis has volunteered to represent the Library and will confirm by April.

Ed Jarvis also emphasized the need to continue selling Duplicate Books. Once we have paid off the Mortgage on the building, we can set up a Fund for Building Improvements. It has been a big year of accomplishments for the Library!

12. **Next Board of Director's Meeting:** Saturday February 18, 2023 at 10:30 am, at the Western Philatelic Library.

13. **Adjournment:** Eduardo Martino moved for Adjournment and without objection President Ed Jarvis adjourned the meeting at 10:43 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Samuels, Recording Secretary

## Friends of the Western Philatelic Library Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, February 18, 2023

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:28 am by Library President Ed Jarvis at the Western Philatelic Library, 3004 Spring Street, Redwood City CA 94063.

**Roll Call** found a **Quorum of 6 Officers and Directors** present: Richard Clever, Bob Gordon, Ed Jarvis, Eduardo Martino, Nestor Nunez, and Roy Teixeira. **Guest:** Jim Giacomazzi. **Recording Secretary:** Russ Samuels.

2. **Minutes of Previous Board Meeting of December 10, 2022:** The Minutes of the Meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Roy Teixeira, seconded by Nestor Nunez.

3. **New Board Members:** There has been no action as of this meeting.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Nestor Nunez previously e-mailed to the BOD the 4-page Financial Statement through December 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 highlights of the Report are the December payment of \$72,000 from the Estate of a "Supporter of the Library" for restricted use for Capital Improvements and the in kind contribution of \$54,000 in Apple Stock (used to pay down the Mortgage leaving a balance of about \$61,000 due in February.) 2022 was the best year so far for Fundraising to pay down the Mortgage. The Library has a monthly Burn Rate of \$1,100 to \$1,200. Memberships, Book Sales and the WESTPEX \$5,000 Contribution will all help to cover expenses. Another contribution of about \$56,000 in Apple Stock made the final Mortgage payment possible.

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An additional **\$60,000 Anonymous Donation** earmarked for **Capital Improvements** has also been received, now totaling **\$132,000**. Nestor made a motion to **Self-restrict these Funds for Capital Improvements**, seconded by **Roy Teixeira**, and passed unanimously. **Ed Jarvis** commented that this is “unbelievable” to have both the **Mortgage** paid off and have a **Capital Improvement Fund**. Future **Open Houses** with **Silent Auctions** and **Book Sales** will generate further funds and we will try to have these about three times a year. **Richard Clever** moved to accept the **Treasurer’s Report**, seconded by **Roy Teixeira** and passed unanimously. **Bob Gordon** suggested that Roy make a list of possible **Capital Improvements**.

**5. Fundraising:** **Bob Gordon** said the **Go Fund Me Campaign** is still active at the **Go Fund Me** link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-the-western-philatelic-library-inc>

The wording on the account will be changed from emphasis on paying off the Mortgage to general support of the **WPL**. The annual **WESTPEX** donation of \$5,000 as payment for storage of archives and other **WESTPEX** material at the **Library** is expected to be restored. The **2023 Open Houses** should prove to be good opportunities for **Fundraising**, including membership applications and **Book Sales**.

**6. Membership and Mailing Report:** **Richard Clever** reported that as of **February 16, 2023** the current membership is 217 (which includes 7 overseas). The grand total includes 97 **Life Members (including one new)**, 31 **Complimentary** (which need to be reviewed), and 82 **Current Members (54 Members are paid to 2023)**. There are currently 28 past due members. Richard previously sent out letters to the **Complimentary Members** to get email addresses.

**7. Library Operations Report:** **Roy Teixeira** reported that cleanup is progressing with **Stu Leven** continuing to work on the **American Society for Netherlands Philately** material. Roy also noted that **Siemens Medical Group** donated some nice tables and book shelves and even delivered them! A “Thank You” letter has been sent.

**8. Bay Phil:** **Bob Gordon** reported that the December issue of the **Bay Phil** was mailed at the end of December. The front cover features a cartoon image alluding to the “**Mortgage Note Burning**” in **February 2023**.

The next issue will be in **April**. Possible articles might feature the recent generous donations including the **Apple Stock**, “**Library Supporter**” **Bequest**, and **Siemens Medical Group** gift of furniture, emphasizing “**We Did It!**” for paying off the **Mortgage**. Bob previously reported that the **Library’s** new email address is: [info@fwpl.org](mailto:info@fwpl.org)

**9. Website:** **Bob Gordon** previously said that **Dave Moore** has been making updates on the **Website** every so often including links for the **Open House Auction Lots** and **Archive** of the **Bay Phil**. **Our Saturday Open Hours of 10:00 am to 1:00 pm need to be added**. **Ed Jarvis** offered his thanks to **Dave** for his efforts. The **Library** still needs a **Webmaster**.

**10. Next Open House:** **Ed Jarvis** suggested that the next **Library Open House** be held on **Saturday March 18, 2023** as a “**Priced to Sell**” **Garage Sale** of philatelic material. A regular **Open House** might be held on **Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>** with **Silent Auction** and **Book Sale**.

**11. Other Business:** **John Kofranek** of the **Alameda Stamp Club** has invited the **Library** to participate in an open house and bourse of the various clubs of the **Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies** on **Saturday May 20, 2023**. **Ed Jarvis** has volunteered to represent the **Library** and will confirm by **April**.

**Ed Jarvis** also emphasized the need to continue selling **Duplicate Books**. Once we have paid off the **Mortgage** on the building, we can set up a **Fund for Building Improvements**. It has been a big year of accomplishments for the **Library!**

**12. Next Board of Director’s Meeting:** **Saturday April 8, 2023** at **10:30 am**, at the **Western Philatelic Library**.

**13. Adjournment:** **Nestor Nunez** moved for **Adjournment** and without objection **President Ed Jarvis** adjourned the meeting at **12:05 pm**.

Respectfully submitted,

**Russ Samuels,**  
**Recording Secretary**

Join us at the Library in Redwood City:

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> **GARAGE SALE!**

**Saturday, May 13, 2023**

Doors Open 9 am – 12 noon. Sale (not an auction) and Open House.

Stamps, Books and more. Priced to Go! Checks and Cash Accepted.



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## A tribute to Jean Meehan



**Above photo: From left to right: Jean Meehan, daughter Debi and husband Donald.**

Jean Meehan passed away on April 27, 2022. She will be missed as a treasured member of our philatelic community. Jean was especially generous to the Friends of the Western Philatelic Library, Inc. for which we are most grateful.

Below is an excerpt from her obituary:

“Jean Meehan always had a passion for stamp collecting which she began as an adolescent along with her mom. This passion became more than a hobby when she opened JHM Stamps and Collectibles in downtown Napa in 1988. She was the sole proprietor for 33 years and enjoyed meeting the public and sharing her love of stamps. She was a member of the Napa Valley Stamp Club and a lifetime member of the American Philatelic Society. She received the Volunteer of the Year award in 2012 from the WESTPEX Stamp Show held annually in San Francisco.”





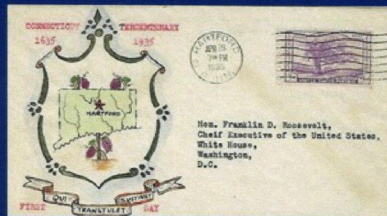
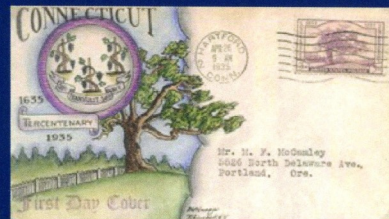
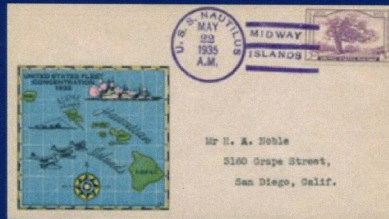
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## Book Review—Alan Warren

### Review of: *The Connecticut Tercentenary Issue of 1935*

First day cover exhibits suffered for many years as there were no guidelines for assembling them or judging them. The American Philatelic Society finally recognized that FDC collectors were not alone. People also collected naval covers, patriotic covers, advertising covers, first flight covers and related material. Hence the APS Committee on the Accreditation of National Exhibitions and Judges (CANEJ) drew up guidelines for what was termed “illustrated mail.”

However, it was stressed that there should be philatelic knowledge reflected by the exhibitor, and not just a focus on cachets. If the FDC exhibit centered around a single stamp issue, then a logical approach was to show die proofs and essays, marginal markings such as plate numbers, and production errors such as preprinting creases and misperforations. In addition to use on first day covers, the exhibitor should show non-first-day uses on commercial mail, different classes of mail service, and use to foreign destinations.

LaPlaca and Dewey’s book does so with the stamp issued April 26, 1935 in Hartford, Conn., to mark the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Connecticut colony, Scott # 772. They researched the design of the stamp and how it evolved. This is followed by pre-production (proofs, essays) and production details (plate numbers and flaws, etc.)

No formal first day of issue ceremony was held. The stamps were sold at the main post office in Hartford on April 26. Over 200,000 covers were cancelled on that date. A listing of machine and hand cancel varieties reveals many distinct differences.

As one might expect, the bulk of the book is devoted to cachets. They are grouped by design element and include general purpose cachets, add-ons, unofficial cancellations, and second day postmarks. Lastly are some non-first-day uses of the stamp in various classes of mail service and to foreign destinations, as well as precancels and event covers.

Several appendices provide historic background on the Connecticut colony, and details of the original Mellone/Planty cachet catalog listings. The authors have expanded the latter field with many new designs not previously known. A very useful appendix is an alphabetical listing of all the cachet makers for this issue.

The text uses a sans-serif type. Many pages are in 2-column format which still allows sufficient room to illustrate covers. The book is an exhaustive study of this stamp and its FDCs and serves as a model for those who may wish to develop their own collections and exhibits based around a single stamp.

*Alan Warren*

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