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## Philatelic Community Gathers for Library Open House and Sale

Dozens turned out for the Library's Open House and Sale on Saturday, November 4th, 2023. The sale yielded approximately \$3000 for the Library with 33 people registering for the Silent Sale. A big thank you is due to all who attended and volunteered. The next event will take place on Saturday, February 17th, 2024. It will be an Open House and Sale, featuring 50% off Surplus Books, "Buy-It Now" tables as well as \$5 Mystery Boxes and a Nickel-a-Stamp table. See page 9 in this issue for flyer.



Bob Gordon, Editor

## Editor's Corner

Dear Friends of the Library,

Happy New Year! Come see us! The Library's next **Sale and Open House** takes place **Saturday February 17th at 9am**. See page 9 for more information. New this time: \$5 Mystery boxes and Nickel-a-Stamp Table!

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

**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>**



ABOVE: Safety improvements to the Library continue. Here, flooring is being leveled, eliminating perilous cracks.

# Board Minutes

Friends of the Western Philatelic Library  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, August 19, 2023

**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, Ed Jarvis, Eduardo Martino, Nestor Nunez, and Roy Teixeira. **Regrets for Absence:** Bob Gordon. **Guests:** Jim Giacomazzi and Sigrid Teixeira. **Recording Secretary:** Russ Samuels.

**2. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting of June 10, 2023:** The Minutes of the Meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Nestor Nunez, seconded by Richard Clever.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** Nestor Nunez previously e-mailed to the BOD the 3-page Financial Statement through July 31, 2023, detailing the income and expenditures including Balance Sheets, Profit and Loss Statements, and Cash Receipts including Building and Safety Funds. Ed Jarvis thanked Nestor for getting this out to the BOD ahead of today's meeting.

Nestor noted that it has been a quiet two months since the July BOD Meeting. Russ Samuels mentioned that the Balance Sheet showed no Liabilities. Ed Jarvis said we need to really pat ourselves on the back for paying off the Mortgage and ending up with cash in the bank for Capital Improvements.

As previously reported, some of the Capital Improvement Funds have been deposited in three different staggered CDs at 4% interest which will earn close to \$5,000 in passive interest income per year. With no mortgage we no longer have to worry about these monthly payments! After the recent Lighting Improvements we still have about \$126,000 in the Capital Improvement Funds.

Nestor added one more bit of good news, the arrival of a \$23,000 check from Jean Meehan's Estate to bring her total bequest to \$95,000 and the Building Fund to about \$150,000. Ed asked that another letter of thanks be sent

to Jean Meehan's daughter Debbie.

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

**4. Membership and Mailing Report:** Richard Clever reported that as of August 22, 2023 the current membership is 225 (which includes 7 Overseas). The grand total includes 105 Life Members, 34 Complimentary, and 75 Members who are paid to 2023 with 3 paid to 2024. There are currently 8 past due members. Richard previously sent out letters to the Complimentary Members to obtain email addresses.

**5. Library Operations Report:** Roy Teixeira sent out a list ahead of this meeting of recent WPL Accomplishments. These include the ongoing dispersal of surplus material through our Auctions and Sales, the processing of large donations, and integrating the Netherlands material needed that was donated by the American Society for Netherlands Philately. This now has been accomplished. Stu Leven deserves thanks for this task, which also included adding this material along with other Societies Donations to the Database. The next project is the integration of the SAO/Oceania Library. Dave Moore is also continuing to add new material along with updating the Database about twice a week.

Roy expressed his gratitude for all the work Jim Giacomazzi and Wally Jolliff have done preparing all the material for our Auctions and Sales which have been very successful.

Roy also noted that new LED Ceiling Lights have been added which has made a great improvement to our Library. We have requested bids to install a new stair railing for the upstairs loft, the ceiling painted, and the flooring re-surfaced.

**Capital Expenditures for Building:** Ed Jarvis previously mentioned that the metal railing on the stairs needs to be replaced as a safety issue and that the Roof needs inspection in addition to getting a quote for painting the ceiling. Roy Teixeira made an all-encompassing motion to that effect, seconded by Nestor Nunez which passed unanimously. Ed also emphasized the need to get quotes for filling the cracks in the floor and a bid for floor restoration.

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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  
Kristin Patterson
- 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



**ABOVE:** Newly elected to the Library Board:  
**Kristin Patterson**

## Thank you for your donations!

Craig Butterworth, Susan Cole, D Daetz, Jim Dempsey, Dale and Edie Eggen, Kenneth Entin, John Kofranek, Alex Haimann, Family of Louis Lang, Debra Lee, Paula Lester, Bobby Liao, Lisa Miller, Susan Nazor, Charles Nelson, Northwest Philatelic Library, C Souers, Adam and Cindy Sturgeon, Caroline Takahashi, Esther Taylor-Joseph, Kent Tool, Lester Wadsworth, Ghiam Yamin and Ray Younkins

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

# Board Minutes

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**Roy Teixeira** moved to have a lesser patch and fill method done to the floor costing \$4,000 to \$5,000 rather than a more extensive re-surfacing job costing \$43,000. **Richard Clever** seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Ed Jarvis** repeated his call to recruit more people to help with the upkeep of the **Library**.

**6. Bay Phil**: In the absence of **Editor Bob Gordon** there was no report. Bob plans to have the next issue of the **Bay Phil** out by the end of **August**.

**7. Website**: **Dave Moore** has been making occasional updates on the **Website**. The **Library** still needs a **Webmaster**.

**8. Open House**: **Ed Jarvis** suggested that the next **Library Open House** be held on **Saturday November 4, 2023** with a **Silent Auction of 100 Lots, Buy it Now Table, and Book Sale**. Doors will open at **9:00 am** with **Auction Lots Closing** at **11:00 am**. The Event should end around **Noon**.

**9. Membership Form – Updating and Streamlining**: **Bob Gordon** and **Dave Moore** have updated the **Membership Area** on the **Website** to eliminate the **Contributor** category. **Participating Dues** are **U.S. \$25.00, Canada \$30.00, and Overseas \$40.00**. **Life Membership** remains at **\$250.00 (US and Canada)** with **Overseas** at **\$350**. The **Founder** category is still **\$1,000.00**.

**10. Reaffirming Our Mission to Keep Only One Copy of Anything That is Philatelic**.

This subject has been covered previously.

**11. Other Business: Need to Promote the Library**. **Ed Jarvis** suggested that the **WPL** should send reports of our activities to the **American Philatelic Research Library** for inclusion in their journal. **Richard Clever** added getting mailing labels for the **Bay Area by Zip Code** from the **APS** and from the **PENPEX Mailing List** to promote our **Open House**. We should also check on placing an ad in the **American Philatelist**.

**12. Next Board of Director's Meeting: Saturday October 14, 2023** at **10:30 am**, at the **Western Philatelic Library**.

**13. Adjournment**: **Richard Clever** moved for **Adjournment** and without objection **President Ed Jarvis** adjourned the meeting at **11:18 am**.

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



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**Friends of the Western Philatelic Library  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, December 9, 2023**

**1. Meeting Called to Order**: The meeting was called to order at **10:26 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, Eduardo Martino, and Roy Teixeira**. **Regrets for Absence**: **Nestor Nunez**. **Guests**: **Jim Giacomazzi and Kristin Patterson**. **Recording Secretary**: **Russ Samuels**.

**2. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting of August 19, 2023**: The **Minutes** of the **Meeting** were approved unanimously on a motion by **Richard Clever**, seconded by **Roy Teixeira**.

**3. New Secretary**: **Nestor Nunez** has been acting as **Secretary** while also fulfilling his duties as **Treasurer**. The **BOD** needs to find someone to take on this responsibility.

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**4. Treasurer's Report:** Nestor Nunez previously e-mailed to the BOD the 4-page **Financial Statement** through **November 30, 2023**, detailing the income and expenditures including **Balance Sheets, Profit and Loss Statements**, and **Cash Receipts** including **Building and Safety Funds**. Ed Jarvis thanked Nestor for getting this out to the BOD ahead of today's meeting.

In Nestor's absence, Ed Jarvis noted that the **Library** has \$170,000 in current assets in the bank, \$160,000 of which are set aside for the **Building Improvement Fund**.

As previously reported, some of the **Capital Improvement Funds** have been deposited in three different staggered CDs at **4% interest** which will earn close to **\$5,000** in passive interest income per year. The recent **Open House** on **November 4** brought in almost **\$3,000** to the Library. Ed Jarvis thanked **Jim Giacomazzi** and **Wally Jolliff** for their efforts on the **Silent Auction** and thinks we need to channel more stamp donations and books onto **EBay** as another outlet.

**Roy Teixeira** moved to accept the **Treasurer's Report**, seconded by **Eduardo Martino** and passed unanimously.

**5. Membership and Mailing Report:** Richard Clever reported that as of **December 7, 2023** the current membership is **221** (which includes **5 Overseas**). The grand total includes **105 Life Members, 33 Complimentary**, and **40 Members** who are paid to **2024** with **37** paid to **2023**. There are currently **6** past due members only paid to **2022**. Richard previously sent out letters to the **Complimentary Members** to obtain email addresses and there is a need to obtain the email addresses of many other Members. There is also a need to merge the **Membership Lists** in order to accurately mail out the **Bay Phil**. This is probably a two person job.

Richard also announced that he is gradually losing his eyesight and needs to be replaced as **Membership Secretary**.

**6. Library Operations Report:** Roy Teixeira sent out a list ahead of this meeting of recent **WPL Accomplishments**. These include the ongoing dispersal of surplus material through our **Auctions** and **Sales** and are particularly grateful for all the work **Jim Giacomazzi** and **Wally Jolliff** have done preparing material.

A portion of an exceptionally large donation has been received and processed, with more to arrive. Thanks to everyone involved in this large project. The concrete floor has been re-surfaced and all the cracks which caused a tripping hazard have been filled. The next step, if deemed necessary, is to apply an acrylic sealer.

**Richard Clever** moved that the large number of boxes received as a donation be offered at the next **Open House** for **\$5 each**, seconded by **Bob Gordon** and passed unanimously.

**Richard** also mentioned that the **Library** recently purchased a 2 volume **France and Colonies** catalogue, and passed around a list of **Stanley Gibbons** and **Michel** catalogues to see which ones the BOD thinks the **Library** could use.

**A. Proposed Capital Expenditures for Building:**

i. **Meeting Room Build Out in Area where Duplicate Books are Sold:** Estimated cost **\$80,000 to \$100,000** (including insulation, air conditioning, and heating)

ii. **Handrail on Stairs:** Get estimates

iii. **Cement Floor Restoration – sealing and color coat:** Estimated cost **\$15,000 to \$20,000**

iv. **Ceiling Painting /Insulation:** Estimated cost **\$35,000**

v. **Roof, Skylight, and Vents:** Get estimates

**Ed Jarvis** previously mentioned that the metal railing on the stairs needs to be replaced as a safety issue and that the **Roof** needs inspection in addition to getting a quote for painting the ceiling. **Roy Teixeira** previously made an all-encompassing motion to that effect, seconded by **Nestor Nunez** which passed unanimously.

**7. Website:** **Dave Moore** has been making occasional updates on the **Website**, but the **Library** still needs a **Webmaster**. **Bob Gordon** has been speaking with a possible candidate for this position and will know more in January.

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**8. Open House:** Ed Jarvis suggested that the next **Library Open House** be held on **Saturday February 17, 2024** with **Buy it Now Tables** featuring **\$5 Mystery Boxes**, a **Nickel-a-Stamp Table**, and **Book Sale**. Doors will open at **9:00 am** and the **Event** should end around **Noon**. Another **Open House** on **April 20, 2024** will feature a **Silent Auction**.

**9. Bay Phil:** Editor **Bob Gordon** plans to have the next issue of the **Bay Phil** out by the end of **December**. This will feature a promotion of the next **Open House** while recognizing our previous one on **November 4, 2023**. There will also be a full page ad for **WESTPEX 2024** as well as the usual **BOD Minutes** (for the **August** and **December Meetings**).

**10. Reaffirming Our Mission to Keep Only One Copy of Anything That is Philatelic.**

This subject was tabled until the next **BOD Meeting** by **Library President Ed Jarvis**.

**11. Election of BOD Next Year:** Ed Jarvis will be contacting people privately to find new candidates.

**12. Other Business:** Ed Jarvis offered his thanks to guest **Kristin Patterson, Chair of PENPEX**, who had offered the **Library** a vacant table at the **December 2-3 Show** for a **Book Giveaway**. **Roy Teixeira** spontaneously nominated Kristin as a **Director at Large** for the **FWPL Board**, seconded by **Richard Clever**, and approved unanimously. Kristin graciously accepted her election.

**Ed Jarvis** repeated his call to recruit more people to help with the upkeep of the **Library**, hoping to get more **Sequoia Stamp Club Members** involved.

**13. Next Board of Director's Meeting:** **Saturday February 10, 2024** at **10:30 am**, at the **Western Philatelic Library**.

**14. Adjournment:** **Richard Clever** moved for **Adjournment**, seconded by **Eduardo Martino**, and without objection **President Ed Jarvis** adjourned the meeting at **12:06 pm**.

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



**ABOVE:** Dozens of lots of philatelic materials were sold at the Library's most recent Open House and Silent Auction on Saturday, November 4, 2023. Don't miss the next event, scheduled to take place at 9am on Saturday, February 17, 2024.

# Ask a friend to join...

## Friends of the Western Philatelic Library Membership Application



Western Philatelic Library is one of the largest philatelic libraries in the United States. It houses some 16,000 books and monograph titles, 5,000 bound along with 50 file drawers of unbound philatelic journals, and 6,000 stamp catalogues. A recent successful fund-raising campaign has allowed the purchase of the library building.

The Friends of the Western Philatelic Library (FWPL) volunteers maintain the literature, handle acquisitions, donations, book loans, correspondence, and sales of duplicate material. The FWPL is a charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donor contributions to FWPL may be tax deductible.

Membership and patronage of anyone interested in stamp collecting, postal history or any of the many branches of philately is welcome. Continued support of FWPL is needed to care for and maintain the valuable philatelic assets of the library.

Members receive three copies of the Bay Phil journal a year.

To become a member, please fill out your details in the form below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about your collecting interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to volunteer at the library? if yes please contact us by phone 650-306-9150 or email [info@fwpl.org](mailto:info@fwpl.org).

### MEMBERSHIP DUES & DONATIONS

Individual annual memberships, by calendar year are: (all fees in USA\$)

Please CIRCLE one category below:

**Annual member dues:** USA \$25.00 Canada \$30.00 Overseas (Air Mail) \$40.00

**Other categories:** Life (no annual dues) \$250.00 Life overseas \$350.00 Founder \$1,000.00

Make checks payable to **Friends of the Western Philatelic Library** and mail the completed form to:

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 7063, Redwood City, CA 94063-7063

Or, email a scan of this form to [info@fwpl.org](mailto:info@fwpl.org) and make a payment via PayPal to [ebay\\_sales@fwpl.org](mailto:ebay_sales@fwpl.org)  
If possible please add 3% extra to help cover PayPal fees.

Donations are always appreciated. Any amount above the membership dues may be tax deductible.

Donations of philatelic material are also welcome.

Stamps, duplicate books, and journals are sold to support operating costs.

The Library's **Physical Address** is: 3004 Spring St, Redwood City. See [www.fwpl.org](http://www.fwpl.org) for open hours and more info.

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Join us at the Library in Redwood City:  
**Open House and Sale!**

**Saturday, February 17, 2024** Doors Open 9am

This event will feature **Duplicate Books at 50% off**, **“Buy-It Now” tables**,  
**\$5 Mystery Boxes and Nickel-a-Stamp Table!**

Priced to Go! Checks and Cash Accepted.



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*Call for Exhibits*

# WESTPEX 2024

April 26-28, 2024



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## WESTPEX April 26-28, 2024

The sixty-fourth annual WESTPEX show will be held April 26 – 28, 2024 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront Hotel, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA, just a mile south of the San Francisco International Airport.

This open exhibition will feature over 250 frames of exhibits, and participation by the Royal Philatelic Society London, United States Possessions Philatelic Society, Colombia Panama Philatelic Study Group and the Canal Zone Study Group. This is a World Series of Philately exhibition with the Grand Award winner eligible for the next Champion of Champions competition.

The shows bourse will include 65+ national and international dealers in stamps, postal history and stationery and supplies, filling the bourse with items desired by general collectors, specialists and exhibitors. The show will once again have a large four-day auction by Schuyler Rumsey Auctions with a large number of lots ranging from single items to large collections which will be available for pre-auction viewing.

Numerous specialty societies, clubs, and study groups will hold a variety of meetings and seminars during the three-day event.

There is a WESTPEX sponsored Youth Area with free stamps and supplies for young collectors. On Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, a Scouts BSA Stamp Collecting Merit Badge program is scheduled.

Continuing the tradition of a local show theme, WESTPEX 2024 will be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. WESTPEX will offer a special Cinderella souvenir sheet as well as cachet covers.

You will not want to miss this 64<sup>th</sup> annual WESTPEX Stamp Show. It will officially open at 10 AM, Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Complete show details, reservations, schedules, and theme story will be available at [www.westpex.org](http://www.westpex.org).

**For more information, visit [www.westpex.org](http://www.westpex.org) or contact:**

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