Manhattan Coin Club March/April 2012

President Chuck called the meeting to order on a very nice April evening. An outstanding group of 22 members and guests were in attendance. Myron told an interesting story about turkey gobbler hunting which included a bull. Larry was introduced as a new member. Nathan and Max were introduced as visitors. Dave reported that there is \$265 profit on the recent Club Show.

Matt updated the club that 4 visitors a day were using the Web Page. The Forum is up and running. Anyone can browse as a guest but to post the person must become a member. It is believed that there is enormous potential for our club site.

Chris thanked everyone who helped out with the recent show. He spoke highly of the Clarion facilities and the contact person. It cost approximately \$550 this show for rent and it is to be approximately the same for next year. Some data on the show is that there was approximately \$134 profit on the door prizes and the table rent brought in approximately \$1000. Mark suggested that we advertise more next year.

There is a coin auction at a hotel in Emporia the 28th of April. Other announcements included the ANA Show in Denver. The club voted to renew the club's membership in the ANA. The question was asked if anyone wanted to run for an officer in the KNA. It is an organization of approximately 30% collectors and 70% dealers.

Guy was recognized for his page called "Bookmarks" in the KNA Journal and also in the Texas Numismatic Newsletter.

Dave did the Mystery Grader program. There were 18 coins to be graded, ranging form 1cent to 1 dollar. The 18 items contained several fake or counterfeit coins as well as some which graded from good to uncirculated. The program was enjoyed with the members working hard to determine the grade of each specimen. There seemed to be no one who got all 18 correct. This person did not tell how many he got correct! Members leave this program each year knowing a little more about grading.

Jack and Dillon won the door prizes. Jack won a Power Cat paperweight donated by Myron and Junior Member, Dillon, won a card containing the 4 varieties Anniversary Set of the 2009 Lincolns. Congratulations to these lucky members.

It was reported that Claude is recuperating at Via Christi. He hopes to be home in a week or so. He would enjoy visitors. Be ready to learn about the advantages of investing in gold!

Next meeting will feature Jerry telling how to improve your skills on collecting paper money.

Ray, Editor