

Manhattan Coin Club Minutes

August 16, 2013

President Matt called the meeting to order. There was a large attendance for this meeting with no guests present.

Treasurer Dave stated the club had a current balance of \$1,161.27.

Matt announced the next meetings topic would be World Coins by Jess and we also hold elections. Dues for those not lifetime members need to be renewed in September.

Chris announced that the room for the club's Coin Show at the Four Points by Sheraton on March 17th, 2014 has been reserved. The hotel needed an answer as another group wanted to reserve the room.

Jerry told the group there will be a two day Coin & Stamp Show, Saturday, August 18 - Sunday, August 19, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd, Wichita, Kansas.

Edgar thanked the group for all their support. He will be leaving for college and hoping for an Air Force ROTC scholarship. He will be missed.

It was announced for those who knew him that former club member Richard L. "Lex" Livingood had passed last month. There followed a period of reminiscing about the changes in the club's membership and the various locations it had met.

Jess spoke about the program he had at the senior center in Wamego last month and said there were 36 people who attended and 3 hoards!

Guy made a motion that we purchase a copy of Kent Johnson's of "Kansas Trade Tokens" that he co-authored with Larry Oller. The motion was seconded and passed without objection. The book is \$65 and the order should be made to to Kent Johnson, 2113 Northwood Lane, Salina, KS 67401 or bullfoot@cox.net.

Larry and Kent from the Salina, Kansas club presented a program on Theresienstadt Ghetto currency.

Theresienstadt concentration camp, also referred to as Theresienstadt Ghetto, was established by the SS during World War II in the fortress and garrison city of Terezín (German name Theresienstadt), located in what is now the Czech Republic. During World War II it served as a Nazi concentration camp staffed by German Nazi guards.

Tens of thousands of people died there, some killed outright and others dying from malnutrition and disease. More than 150,000 other persons (including tens of thousands of children) were held there for months or years, before being sent by rail transports to their deaths at Treblinka and Auschwitz extermination camps in occupied Poland, as well as to smaller camps elsewhere. In the summer of 1942, the Nazis decided to create a ghetto bank, with each resident receiving a fixed amount of money depending in which of five categories such resident belonged. The currency was designed by Peter Kien and printed by the National Bank in Prague. At Heydrich's order, the picture of Moses was changed to conform to the Nazi caricature of a Jew. The other side of the scrip contains the printed signature of Jakob Edelstein as the "Eldest of the Jews in Theresienstadt." The notes are dated January 1, 1943, but did not go into circulation until May 1943. Below are images of the front and back of each of the seven denominations of scrip.



It was an excellent program. More information is included on the currency may be found at http://tonyjamesnoteworld.biz/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Theresienstadt_2.pdf. For those interested here is a link to a YouTube documentary on the ghetto: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=foBhgxHcv9U>

There was a large silent auction with many opportunities for those interested. Linc won the adult door prize.

Following the silent auction the meeting was adjourned.