

Manhattan Coin Club Minutes for 12/8/2020

The meeting was kicked off shortly after 7:30p with 9 in attendance.

Randy ran through the minutes from the last meeting.

Dave reported \$3,183.34 in our accounts, though this observer saw people renewing their membership tonight (please renew if you haven't).

Matthew reported on what info he had acquired for venues for the 2021 Manhattan Coin Show. The Manhattan Convention Bureau reached out to Purple Wave and St Thomas for use. Purple Wave no longer rents out their building. St Thomas was unavailable for March 21st. Matthew contacted the American Legion and got these details:

- \$350 rental (discounted since we have several American Legion members).
- They have 28 8-foot tables, but no backstops.
- No tablecloths.
- We can bring in food or dealers can run across the street.
- Unavailable for the March 21st date but can do the 20th.

At the suggestion of the club, Matthew did go back to Four Points and let them know he was looking elsewhere. They came back with:

- \$450 for the whole ballroom (we've only had the half in years past) to spread out and social distance better.
- Coffee for vendors and volunteers, only. Due to COVID concerns, they do not want the public touching this.
- They can offer boxed lunches with option of two sandwiches (collected at registration), side (we'd choose beforehand between chips, potato salad, or pasta salad), cookie, and bottle of water. (I'll also need to collect volunteer choices if anyone would like to do this.)

Since this is a much better deal, there was little discussion and a unanimous vote for the Four Points for the next year. There was some discussion for changing the venue/date for 2022, but that has been tabled for now.

Doyle reported on a few auctions coming up. Nathan also added one in KC at the expo center. Check KansasAuctions.net and our website later this week for the listing of auctions.

Randy reported that due to security concerns put forth by several members, we will no longer be doing Facebook Live. He is looking into doing Zoom in the future since that would require only people with the link to access it, so more secure for our membership.

Randy reported on the successes he saw at the Junction City Coin Show 11/28 and the Ogden Gun Show this last weekend. People were buying Christmas gifts and plenty of stuff for their own collections.

Randy talked of the release of Special Mint Sets (minus the nickel) for \$25. Acquire from the Mint.

Due to having rotator cuff surgery (again) later this month, Randy may not make the next meeting. Doyle is ready to step in to run the meeting if Randy can't come.

Tallgrass Prairie 5oz Uncirculated Coin released yesterday, Randy reported. \$229 each is the price. Acquire from the Mint. Someone mentioned ordering 3.

The ANA is doing a program to gift kids with memberships. \$26 for print and digital copies of the magazine and all sorts of coins and exonomia to go with it. The club currently has 3 kids as members, so the membership proposed buying this for all 3. Richard will contact the kids to get their info and get this done for us. Thank you, Richard! Congrats to the kids and we hope you enjoy this!

Randy reported that the Numismatist is publishing free content at <https://info.money.org/digitalcontent>. Check it out if you are quarantined at home.

American Silver Eagles will have a design change on the reverse in the middle of next year. So, the first half of the year will have the old back and the rest of the year will have the new back. Richard also pointed out that there are several rare years for the MS70 Silver Eagles. It might be worth getting certified if you have one of these high grades in your possession as they are worth serious \$\$\$\$\$.

Due to Phil's brother passing away this last weekend (our heartfelt condolences, Phil), he was unable to finish his program to present tonight. Instead, Randy offered a rousing round of trivia where a few finer points were debated a bit. There were also a few that people hadn't heard of.

Anna won the door prize.

Treats were shared and the bid board closed at about 8:45. Several members talked a while longer in the room and even longer in the parking lot.