

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
February 23, 2011

Board Meeting:

President Michael Whalen called a rolling meeting to order at 8:30.

Setting up for Jerry Schimmel's talk at 7 meant that the board meeting followed the general meeting.

Board Members Present: Michael Whalen, Ed Treuting, Bill Hyder, Dan Hipple, Stephen Huston, and Mark William Clark.

Treasurer's Report: January 26, 2011 through February 23, 2011.
Income (dues and donations): \$220
Expenses (Fort Mason rental and misc.): \$214.50

Checking Balance: \$1,396.79
Savings Balance: \$8,508.73

Two new members signed up at the meeting. Chuck Pilgrim and James Thomassen

Old Business: None

New Business:

Approved payments for raffle items and dues for the Northern California Numismatic Association.

Approved nominating Thomas Hallenbeck for ANA president.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM.

President Michael Whalen called the 1138th General Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Members in attendance include Michael Whalen, Ed Treuting, Mark William Clark, Dan Hipple, Catz Forsman, Ken Takahashi, Federico Castillo, Michael Wehner, Jerry Schimmel, Scott Annechino, Rick Webster, and Bill Hyder. Guests include Donna D., Dennis Davenport, Chuck Pilgrim, Jim Jarvis, Margaret Pilgrim, Ed Herny, Marty Webster, and James Thomassen.

Jerry Schimmel presented his talk:

Architecture and Exonumia of San Francisco's Barbary Coast and Red Light Districts 1890-1920.

Jerry shared his extensive knowledge of San Francisco's early bars, dance halls, and brothels. His presentation took the audience on a tour of San Francisco's streets and neighborhoods in and around the Barbary Coast. He shared historic photos contrasted with the surviving buildings today. Knowing where to look, one can still see the "cribs" and ornate architecture of former brothels. Traces of dance floors and fancy crown molding can still be seen in some historic buildings. Historic tokens from each of these locations recall the activities of the day. Some were slot machine tokens, others counters that allowed dance hall girls to account for their efforts in encouraging men to drink for the evening, some advertised upscale houses, and others are difficult to interpret their actual purpose.

Many of these stories can be read in past issues of TAMS Journal and Jerry provided copies of many of them for the audience. Many of these received awards as the best article for the year it was published.

The evening raffle winners included:

Donna D., Catz Forsman, and Ed Treuting. Your secretary was engaged in conversations with some of the visitors and neglected to record all the details of the prizes.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to member exhibits.

Member Exhibits included:

Bill Hyder – Obama satirical encased dime.

Whalen – Teddy Roosevelt fundraising money and coins designed by John Sinnock..

Scott Annechino – Two 1975 100 Zaires (gold) pieces graded MS 67 and PF68 Ultra Cameo. He also shared a 1579 jeton from the Spanish Netherlands.

Ed Herny brought an 1833 English commemorative medal celebrating the abolition of slavery in the British Empire.

Michael Wehner – Shared two Art Saloon tokens featuring the famous "Jap Statue." One is the finest known.

Mark William Clark brought a Mexico City Coin Show auction catalog.

Dan Hipple shared a recent Ebay purchase, the 1972 PCNS Ruth Ludwigsen and S. Evertt Phillips marriage and 682nd meeting medal.

Catz Forman – Shared a 20 Euro 2009 Finland "Peace and Security" commemorative coin.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Compiled by Bill Hyder