

## SVCC Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM

Gold: \$1,875.39                      Silver: \$ 22.08

### **Club Officers in attendance:**

President – Bruce Williams	Vice President – Troy Dinin
Treasurer – Marlain Minardi	Corresponding Secretary, Mike Grieneisen
Recording Secretary, Patrick Carpenter	Assistant Treasurer, Nick Shel

**Members Who Are Sick or Injured:** Glenn Stuter is on the mend and may be going home soon. The membership wishes him a speedy recovery and a card was circulated for folks to sign.

**Guests:** Four guests attended the meeting. No one introduced themselves so we'll have to find out more about their coin collecting preferences at a future club meeting. The guests signed in as: Tom Swift, Jayden, Jeremiah Durham and Aaron Schroeder.

**Attendance** – Thirty-eight club members, and the four guests listed above attended the meeting, for a total attendance of forty-two folks at our meeting.

**Past Meeting Minutes:** Minutes of our last regular club meeting on September 27, 2023, were provided to club members by email several days before the meeting. The reading of the minutes of our last meeting were waived and the minutes were approved.

**Coin Fair** – Our upcoming coin fair on October 25 was discussed. This is an opportunity for coin club members to bring in coins to sell. John Degen explained the event and encouraged members to reserve their tables for the evening's fun. No new members expressed an interest in buying a table so we'll have lots of folks ready to shop. It should be a fun activity at our next meeting.

**Coin Show** – Bruce Williams expressed his thanks to all the club members who assisted with the coin show. Although we don't have a full accounting of the financials, in many ways the coin show was a very nice success. Bruce made particular mention of the work of Bob Shanks, Patrick Carpenter, Marlain Minardi, Marty Hartzell and Christine Spring.

**Club Officers for 2024** – Bruce announced that the nomination period is now open for people to nominate candidates for any of the club officer positions for 2024. The nomination period will close at break time at our next club meeting. Bruce called on John Bither, chairman of our club's nomination committee to announce the current nominees for next year's club officers: Bruce Williams for president, Troy Dinin for vice-president, Marlain Minardi for treasurer, Mike Grieneisen for corresponding secretary, and Patrick Carpenter for recording secretary. All of the announced nominees currently hold the same positions for which they are nominated for the coming year. Bruce stressed that other club members may run for a club office; the announced candidates are just the ones that the current Executive Committee are proposing.

**Show and Tell** – To help keep our meeting on track for time, John Degen brought a count-down timer to assist members in their presentations. Thanks to John!

**Troy Dinin** – A coin which is one of the first, if not the first, type of coin used in California. The two Reals coin is dated 1823 and holds the image of Agustin de Iturbide, also known as Emperor Agustin I of Mexico. Troy told the club some of this ruler history including his short reign (less than one year) as the emperor of an independent Mexico after the end of Spanish rule. At that time, most of present-day California was a territory of Mexico and so this emperor's reign included California.

**Mike Grieneisen** – U.S. coins and currency with more than one language on were shown to the club by Mike. He announced that he had found 13 different languages on our nation’s money, or on money that circulated within our nation. Examples of these include:

English – certainly the most common language on our money,

Latin – phrases in Latin found on many examples of our money include our nation’s motto, *E Pluribus Unum*, and the phrases within the Great Seal on the reverse of our one dollar note, *Annuit Coeptis* and *Novus Ordo Seclorum*.

Spanish – *Isla del Encanto* as seen on the reverse of our 2009 Puerto Rico quarter.

French – found on banknotes from Louisiana in the first half of the nineteenth century.

German – found on an 1836 banknote from the Northampton Bank in Lecha County, Pennsylvania. The note was for five thalers.

Italian – rather surprisingly the 1934 commemorative half dollar celebrating the Maryland Tercentenary includes a phrase in Italian on the reverse – *Fatti Maschii Parole Femine*.

Mike explained that the phrase has been translated differently over time from the original “Deeds are manly, words are womanly,” to the current “Strong deeds, gentle words.”

Hawaiian – A 2023 quarter celebrating Edith Kanaka’ole includes the phrase *E hō mai ka ‘ike*, which translates to “granting the wisdom.”

Braille – the 2003 state quarter for Alabama includes a portrait of Helen Keller and her name written both in standard print and in the raised dots of Braille. Mike noted that Braille is also found on the 2009 silver dollar commemorating the bicentennial of the birth of Louis Braille.

Cherokee – found on both the reverse of the 2002 quarter honoring Wilma Mankiller and on the 2017 dollar honoring Sequoyah.

Iroquois – found on the Hiawatha Belt depicted on the 2010 dollar celebrating the Great Law of Peace.

Osage – Another American Women Quarter hosts a Native American language. It is the 2023 quarter with Maria Tallchief, a prima ballerina. The reverse includes her name written in Osage and it translates to “two standards.”

Sauk – the 2018 dollar celebrating the great athlete Jim Thorpe has his native name written in the language of his tribe, the Sauk.

Seneca – The 2022 dollar honors Ely Samuel Parker, a U.S. Army office who served as military secretary to General Ulysses Grant during the Civil War. His native name is included in the design of the coin’s reverse.

**Scott Newens** – He brought to the club’s attention that the 2023 American Women Quarter honoring Edith Kanaka’ole has the denomination of the coin as “25¢” rather than the traditional “quarter dollar.”

**Ross Woodman** – Ross showed the club several interesting items from Dawson City, Alaska dating from the time of the Alaskan Gold Rush. There was a postcard showing Canadian Mounties protecting the bank and a check that was for fifty dollars in gold dust.

**2\$ Bill Walden** – displayed a one-dollar bill that survived the Texas City disaster, the deadliest industrial accident in U.S. history. Bill explained that on April 16, 1947, a merchant ship docked at the Texas City wharf, on Galveston Bay, exploded. The ship cargo included about 2,300 tons of ammonium nitrate. A fire on board triggered a chain reaction that sent pieces of the ship in all directions for miles around. A 2-ton anchor was thrown 1.6 miles and found in a 10-foot crater. 581 people died and over five thousand more were injured. Buildings throughout the town were demolished. The dollar bill was blackened and damaged, but serves as a small reminder of the terrible tragedy.

Bruce Williams conducted the random drawing that awarded a 1922 Peace dollar to Troy Dinin.

Break started at 7:39 p.m. During the break many members of the club enjoyed two cakes baked by Bruce’s wife. Many thanks to that wonderful lady.

The break was over at 7:55 p.m. and the auction was underway at 7:57 p.m. John Degen was the master of the auction once again and he put up sixty lots of coins, currency and related items for bids. The auction was over at 8:35 p.m.

The winner of the 1/10<sup>th</sup>-ounce gold coin was Scott Newens. Good for you, Scott!

Our next meeting will be on October and will feature the Coin Fair.

The meeting concluded at 8:45 p.m., a few minutes earlier than usual.

Respectfully submitted, October 13, 2023  
Patrick Carpenter, Recording Secretary SVCC