

## SVCC Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:58 PM

Gold: \$1,918.14                      Silver: \$ 24.48

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

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

**Guests:** Three guests attended the meeting. Hayes DeMos, a very young coin enthusiast, attended with his father, Jackson. Andrew Donovan attended with his father, Kyle. Former member Steve Smith attended and has mostly recovered from a major health scare. Welcome back, Steve!

**New Member:** Jackson DeMos was voted into our club’s membership. Welcome Jackson!

**Attendance** – Forty-eight club members and the three guests listed above attended the meeting, for a total attendance of fifty-one.

**Past Meeting Minutes:** Minutes of our last regular club meeting on August 9, 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.

**Great Coin Giveaway** – The club’s treasurer noted that forty-five books of tickets for the upcoming Great Coin Giveaway have now been sold. Our goal remains eighty books sold prior to the start of the coin show.

**Coin Show** – Bob Shanks announced the very good news that we now have all of our dealer tables filled. Whoopee! This is the first time in recent memory that we have had a full house of dealers set for the show a month prior to the show dates. Patrick Carpenter announced that there was one spot available for doing a coin exhibit at the upcoming coin show. Before the end of the evening that spot was taken, so we now have a full slate of coin exhibitors planning to show some of their collection at the coin show. Another sign-up list for folks to work various volunteer slots at the coin show was also passed around. Out of the forty spots for volunteers, we now have 34 filled – 85 percent is a good start. We’ll look to fill out the rest of those volunteer spots at our September club meetings.

**A Nice Mention** – Mary Anne Miller read a description of our club’s upcoming coin show in the current edition of “California Numismatist.” Mike Grieneisen’s good work on our monthly newsletters was highlighted.

**Educational Presentation** – Patrick Carpenter presented “The Art of Our Favorite Coin Artists.” This discussion focused on great artwork by three of the coin designers that have produced some well-regarded U.S. coins. The artists and art work displayed and discussed included:

Adolph Alexander Weinman (designer of the Mercury dime and Walking Liberty quarter)

- “The Committee of Five” on the pediment of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D. C.
- “Rising Sun” introduced at the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco
- “Descending Night” also introduced at the 1915 Expo and seen at the Met in New York City

James Earl Fraser (designer of the Buffalo Nickle and the “Wagon Side” of the Oregon Trail Commemorative half dollar)

- “End of the Trail” introduced at the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco and currently on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City

- Statue of Alexander Hamilton in front of the Treasury Building in Washington D.C. and seen on the reverse of our current ten-dollar bill.

Augustus Saint-Gaudens (designer of the \$10 Eagle “Indian Head” gold piece and the \$20 Double Eagle gold piece, both 1907-1933)

- Statue of Admiral David Farragut, Madison Park in New York City
- Memorial to Colonel Robert Shaw and the 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment, located on the Boston Common
- “Diana” as originally seen on Madison Square Garden and currently on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City
- Memorial to William Tecumseh Sherman, located at Grand Army Plaza at the southeast corner of Central Park in New York City

Patrick pointed out how the statue of “Victory,” that was part of the Sherman Memorial, was the basis for the Saint-Gaudens’ “Liberty” on the \$20 Double Eagle gold piece. Finally, it was suggested that coin club members might consider selecting two or three of their favorite coins and searching out what other art was created by the designers responsible for those coins. It was suggested that members might find inspiration and joy in what they discover.

**Break** started at 7:47 p.m. and was over at 8:01 p.m.

**Auction** started at 8:02 with John Degen, as our club’s auctioneer. There was a full slate of items to be considered and John kept the auction rolling with enthusiasm and humor. There were nine items that were donated to the club, including two more coin cases that the coin club no longer uses. Seventy-five lots were offered in the auction by members selling some part of their collection. The auction concluded at 9:01 p.m.

**Raffle** – Jeff Lung was the winner of the grand prize, a lovely bullion 1/10<sup>th</sup> ounce gold piece.

**Next Meeting** – Bruce let the membership know that our next meeting will be on September 13. There will be an opportunity for club members to “Show and Tell” about one or more of their interesting coins. Of course, there will also be a lively auction, door prizes, member prizes and a raffle with wonderful coins that will be awarded to lucky club members.

The meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, August 25, 2023  
Patrick Carpenter, Recording Secretary SVCC