

SVCC Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. This meeting convened at our regular meeting spot, Swanston Community Center in Sacramento.

Gold: \$2,034.48 Silver: \$ 22.47

Club Officers in attendance:

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

Guests: Ten guests attended the meeting. Deborah Sheilds enjoys collecting Moran Dollars. Wade Parshall, a former club member who enjoys bill searching was back to see how the club was doing. John and Barbara Warface had inherited Barbar's father's collection are were looking to find out more about coin collecting. Ubaid Khawaja and his young children attended and Ubaid joined the club. Back for a second club meeting was Jeff Wells. Also in attendance was David Gonzalez. Keitha Hunter, wife of Patrick Carpenter, also enjoyed the gathering.

Attendance – Forty-nine club members, and the ten guests listed above attended the meeting, for a total attendance of fifty-nine people.

New Club Member – Ubaid Khawaja, joined the club as a life member. Welcome to the club, Ubaid!

Past Meeting Minutes - Minutes of our last regular club meeting on February 14, 2024, 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.

Sad News – James Brandon, a long-time member of our club passed away in early February. James was remembered as a very friendly fellow and a big smile. James had an extensive collection and he enjoyed encouraging new club members in various aspects of the hobby. He will be missed. A card was circulated for members to share their condolences with Mr. Brandon's family.

Topic Selected for a Future Club Meeting Question & Answer Panel – After our voting at our last club meeting the topic for an educational panel has been selected. The topic will be: Negotiating Successfully When Buying or Selling Coins. The members were asked to write down questions for the panel to answer concerning the selected topic. The Question & Answer Panel is planned for the second club meeting in April – just before our coin show.

Spring Coin Show – Bob Shanks reported that nearly 90% of our dealer tables have been reserved and paid for. This is great news as we appear to be again heading to a sold-out show. Bob also showed off what the top four prizes will be in the Great Coin Giveaway that will be awarded at the conclusion of the coin show. The prizes include a beautiful Liberty \$10 gold piece, a Liberty \$5 gold piece, an Indian \$2.5 gold coin and a GSA Morgan Dollar from the Carson City Mint. These are just four of the eighteen prizes to be given away at the coin show. The membership was encouraged to buy tickets for that raffle.

The sign-up list for coin show volunteers was passed around. Several members volunteered to assist with the show. We now have twenty-four of the thirty volunteer slots filled. The sign-up list to do a coin exhibit at the show was also available. We now have five members preparing their exhibits. There is room for three more exhibits.

Annual Club Dues – Tonight was the last night for club members to get their dues paid for the year.

Club Picnic – John Bither was able to reserve Tempo Park in Citrus Heights for our 2024 Club Picnic. It will be on Sunday, May 19th. We will enjoy each other’s company, have a great lunch and play a little “coin bingo” and possibly win a prize.

Educational Presentation – Multilingual Coins and Banknotes by Mike Grieneisen

Mike showed the membership many great examples of coin and notes displaying more than one language.

Mike explained that some pieces of money display Latin Script, the alphabet that most of our club members are most familiar with, as seen on most money written in English, French, Spanish, German and Italian. There are other scripts, such as Cyrillic that is often seen on money from Slavic, Turk, Mongolian countries. The Devanagari script is found on money using Hindi, Nepali and Sanskrit alphabets. Other scripts seen on coins and currency from other nations include Greek, Arabic, and Chinese.

Mike noted that some money use “fantasy languages” such as text of one of Tolkien’s Elvish languages from Middle Earth found on a 2003 1-dollar coin from New Zealand celebrating The Lord of the Rings. Other surprising sorts of “language” found on some currencies are QR code blocks and strips of bar codes.

Mike also showed many examples of coins and currency with multiple languages, and sometimes multiple scripts, all on the same piece of coinage or on the same banknote. Many coins from Ireland include some words written in English and others in Gaelic. A 1944 one Anna coin from India has five languages on it – English for the name of the country, the year and the denomination as well as the value of the coin written in Urdu, Bengali, Telugu and Devanagari. A 2012 banknote from India worth 20 Rupees includes an amazing seventeen languages.

An interesting mix of politics and language was seen in three banknotes that Mike showed from Russia. A 100 Rubles note from the U.S.S.R. that was issued in 1991, the last year the nation included many Eastern European lands, displayed fourteen languages. The next year, after many of those lands had broken away from the Soviet Union to form their own nations, Russia issued its 100 Rubles note with only the Russian language used on the currency. A dozen years later, after Russia had occupied the Crimea region, which was part of the nation of Ukraine, Russian banknotes included scenes of the ancient city of Sevastopol, the largest city on the Crimean Peninsula. The message given by showing the formerly Ukrainian city on the Russian money was that Crimea is now part of Russia, regardless of the outraged demands of other nations around the world.

Mike’s program showed another fascinating way that our coin collecting hobby can teach us about world politics, history, and expose us to the great diversity of languages and cultures around the world.

Break – Started at 7:48 and concluded at 8:02 p.m. President Bruce Williams’ wife again treated our membership to wonderful baked goodies. The lovely lady was not present at the meeting, but did receive a hearty round of applause.

Auction – The club auction commenced at 8:06 p.m. with John Degen once again handling the auctioneer duties. There were five donations auctioned off followed by seventy-five lots of members’ items offered for bidding and purchase. The auction ended at 9:00 p.m. Many thanks to the auctioneer and all who assisted.

Raffle – The top prize in the raffle was a 1/10th ounce Australian gold coin – with a design featuring a Kangaroo. This beautiful coin was won by John Degen. Congratulations to John and many thanks for his support of our club.

Next Meeting – Our next club meeting will be in two weeks, March 13. The Show and Tell portion of the meeting will feature any dollar club members would like to share with the club.

The meeting concluded at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, February 29, 2024
Patrick Carpenter, Recording Secretary SVCC