

# Minutes of Heart of America Chapter No. 36 of NAWCC

April 11, 2010

## *Fiftieth Anniversary of Chapter Founding*

President Andrews opened the meeting at 2:04 PM at the Lenexa Community Center. He welcomed all attending and guest: Jerry Holloway, of Lenexa, Kansas; Dan Ryder, of Lee's Summit, Mo.; Steve Draher, of Witicha, Kansas; Tom Wallace, of Omaha, Nebraska; and his associate Mike McNichole, of Omaha, Nebraska. Tom is President of Omaha Chapter and Mike is Secretary of the Omaha Chapter. Tom was a previous member of Our Chapter and Mike joined our Chapter at this April Meeting.

President Andrews asked if everyone had received the Chapter News Letter with the printed minutes of the February 14, 2010 meeting and asked for a motion to approve these minutes as printed. Bill Dugan made the motion and Ed Reupke seconded, and the motion carried.

President Wayne Andrews asked the Treasurer, Gayla Morford, to give the report on the Chapter financial report, which she did as follows:

Chapter	February 14, 2010 balance	\$6,155.15
	Dues	+ 170.00
	Interest	3.55
	Checks-1,000; 100; 129.	- <u>1,229.14</u>
	4-11-10 Balance	\$5,099.56
Regional	February 14, 2010 balance	\$18,010.17
	Interest	+ <u>15.22</u>
	4-11-10 balance	\$18,025.40

The President mentioned to the members that the one Chapter Members who was at the first Chapter Meeting, April 10, 1960, died April 2, 2010, just eight days before the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, of Heart of America Chapter. Clement C. Wagner was the last charter member alive, was the first Secretary of the Chapter for ten years and had a very strong interest in the Chapter all this 50 years, and was Chapter Historian until his death. The President presented a Symphathy card, signed by all the members present, to Florent Wagner, our member and brother of Clement for delivery to the family. Florent thanked the Chapter for the wonderful bouquet of flowers sent to the Family at the home, and thanked the members for the card and all the members support to himself and the family at this time.

A get well Card was presented to Bob Hill since his recent hospital stay and the members marveled at his extraordinary efforts to attend this meeting, with equipment in tow.



Florent Wagner presented a cake decorated with a clock face and “Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, H. O. A. Chapter No. 36 of NAWCC” to commemorate the special occasion for the Chapter. Florent then gave a brief history of the H. O. A. Chapter over the 50 years and thanked the Chapter members and officers for the wonderful chapter we have become and the excellent things we are doing today to further the scholarship, education and appreciation of our members and the public about Horological matters.

The Chapter officers had diligently pursued the obtaining of the 501. (c), 3 status, wisely working with and through the National NAWCC. The I. R. S. is always a changing target, and now wanted all chapters to include their specific language in our new Constitution, regarding that no funds of our Chapter would benefit chapter members, other than appropriate , reimbursements, expenses, and salaries for Chapter activity, we would not engage in political activity, and that if the Chapter dissolved, any funds would go to another 501. (c). 3 organization. We discussed this a few minutes and Florent Wagner made the motion to approve the new Article 3, subsection b) of the Constitution, Al Scott seconded, and this passed unanimously.

The members were advised of a small clock collection at the Helen Forsee Fine Arts Museum, part of the Kansas University facilities on the campus at Lawrence. Florent Wagner reported at this collection has about 52 pieces left to the University by DR. Maurice Jones, an early clock collector who had died in 1952. The collection emphasized very early clocks of the 1500s through the 1700s, with some later pieces. The collection has not been seen since 1967. The museum was contacted and agreed to show the collection to four of our members. The clocks have not been properly identified and their condition is not ascertained other than the few we were shown. The Chapter could assist the Museum in identification and display of this collection possibly as a half-day trip or tour at the NAWCC National Convention in Overland Park in 2011.

The Nomination Committee Chairman, Jerry Thornsberry, submitted a list of candidates for election as our Chapter officers as follows:

Wayne Herrmann, as President; Greg Arey, as First Vice President; Dean Mulvaney, as Second Vice President; Florent Wagner as Secretary; and Ruth Herrmann as Treasurer. Reverend Harry Firth would continue as Newsletter Editor.

Jerry, as Chairman of the Committee, made the motion that we elect these candidates as officers. Harold Engelhaupt seconded. Wayne Andrews asked if there were any nominations from other members. There being none, the election of these members was approved by unanimous vote. President Andrews made a point to tell the members that these new officers would serve an 18 month term, from the next meeting, until December 31, 2011, in order to align the new officer terms for the change of officers with the calendar year accounting the Chapter had adopted in our recent By-Laws. The officers elected in December 2011, would, from then on, serve a term of two full years.

The program for this meeting was the Clock Restoration Projects. Bill Maune, as chairman of this Project introduced the two members who had submitted clocks for judging. The first was an Ansonia Mirror with Figure on the sides of the clock, restored by Doug Haeussler. He displayed pictures of the clock which started with a parts puzzle in a box. He refinished the wooden parts, put them together, painted the figures and purchased a little different pendulum than was with the original clock. Darrell Carr submitted a Seth Thomas "Umbria" 30 day clock. He completely stripped the water and damaged clock, excellently repaired the movement, and broken corners of the case, had the dial repainted and found a face brass bezel insert that was missing, and replaced broken glasses with old wavy, green with age, glass. The judging committee of Bill Dugan, Bob Hill, and Ednabelle Menditto, awarded the first place to Darrell Carr, with a \$50.00 check, and the second place to Doug Haeussler, with a \$30.00 check, and expressed great appreciation to both restorers and their wonderful work.

Darrell Carr reported he was working on getting a teacher for a workshop on "faux painting".

Bill Dugan, Chairman of the NAWCC National Convention in Overland Park in 2011, requested that he would welcome any members stepping up to volunteer to held at the Convention and the build-up to Convention. Volunteer, or you will be drafted.

The 50-50 door-prize ran by Bob Hill was won by member Tom Wallace from Omaha.

Show and Tell was presented by Tom Wallace,(An 18K open-face, key wind and set 1819 watch; Mike McNichole a wonderful early chronometer watch; Ednabelle reported on a basket case clock she had sold at our Regional, and its restoration; Wayne Herrmann showed a "black" mantle he had made a column capital for and explained the materials and process.

President asked for volunteers to handle refreshments at our meetings, and Bill Dugan suggested we needed a new coffee maker. Wayne Andrews reminded the members of "Tailgate and BBQ, June 6, and announced a watch group meeting in Mendota, Mn., in April, then adjourned the meeting as 3:45 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
*Florent Wagner*