

Heart of America Chapter 36

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2011 MEETING

President Wayne Herrmann opened the meeting at 1:50 pm.

Guests present included Connie Bradley, a friend of Chris Malik, and Ed King, a prospective member of NAWCC and Chapter 36.

The August 14 Chapter Meeting minutes were approved as written in the Chapter Newsletter.

Treasurer Ruth Herrmann reported that to the \$4,292.10 August 14 balance were added four dues payments totaling \$40.00, plus \$30.00 from 50/50, \$15.00 door drawing, and \$2,000.00 from the clock auction, minus expenses of \$197.10 for printing and postage, making the Chapter balance \$6,180.00.

We received \$7.21 interest on the regional account, for a balance on October 9 of \$17,974.04. It was moved and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report and file it for audit, which passed unanimously.

Jerry Thornsberry introduced the program presenter, Robert Tjaden, of Minneapolis, MN, who has a degree in Conservation from the Smithsonian Institution.



Robert Tjaden

Mr. Tjaden emphasized the importance of determining whether to *conserve* an artifact (sometimes likened to expensive dusting) or *restore* the artifact, (possibly as serious as stripping and refinishing.) Museums generally do not consider running a clock or mechanical artifact, just displaying it.

The effect of the environment, cost of conservation, importance of appearance and reversibility are important factors to be considered in conservation. He urged using the services of local professional conservators. Waxing with a wax containing shellac was most important, or perhaps a carnuba wax.

Old business gave Don Allen, Chairman of the April 20-21 Regional, the opportunity to advise the members that the theme for this regional exhibit would be Seth Thomas "City Series" clocks.

We were advised that Minneapolis, MN will host the NAWCC Symposium on carriage clocks in the middle of October, 2012.

President Herrmann asked the members if the Chapter would like to have a restoration project for the National Convention in the future. We have been offered a Scottish, Round-top, Tall Case

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for a reasonable price, if the Chapter wants to do the restoration. A volunteer chairman will be needed for this project.

The President also advised that he had appointed a Nomination Committee to submit nominations for 2012-13 officers to be elected at the December meeting.

Gunther Rinehart won \$22.00 in the 50/50 drawing, with the remaining \$22.00 for the chapter treasury.

Show and Tell consisted of Bob Hensley showing a glass "Self Winding Clock Co." battery jar, and a Lux "Must get up" alarm. Wayne Andrews showed a 30 hour wooden movement clock in very good condition made by F. L. Andrews (he has not yet been able to trace his ancestry back to "F.L.")

Florent Wagner,
Secretary