

Heart of America Chapter 36

Minutes of the August 11, 2013 Meeting

President, Wayne Andrews called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM, August 11, 2013.

Dan Mahan was presented as the guest of Bob Hill, and Greg Arey introduced Steve Brasfield, a new member interested in Watches and Clocks.

The Secretaries Minutes of the JUNE 9TH Meeting were approved unanimously as printed in the Chapter Newsletter. Ruth Herrmann had stepped in to put the Newsletter together for this meeting and Bill Maune had agreed to be editor and get the Newsletter printed for each meeting for now.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Ruth Herrmann reflecting postage expenses for Newsletter and napkins of \$58.77 and dues and, donations of \$37.00 leaving a Chapter account Balance of \$3,969.62. The Regional account received interest for the two months of \$4.17 bring the Regional Balance to \$21,245.23, as of 8-11-2013.

Allen Ray, V.P. introduced our member Chris Malik who presented the Program on The Differential Clock Co. These clocks are very rare and basically have a torsion spring placed in the winding least 12 months. The clock requires 55 turns of the winding key (takes mechanism of clocks designed to run for at approximately two minutes), which makes 14 revolutions of the two mainsprings, both wound by winding arbors by the "5" and "7" numerals. The torsion spring governor is just below the center hands arbor of the time movement with a large gear engaging the time movement at the back plate of the movement attached to a pinion on the other end of this governor shaft turning a gear attached to the spring winding arbors. The large drive gear at the back of the movement and the pinion at the front of the movement connected by a three part shaft tensioned by a helical torsion spring, helps maintain an even tension on the large gear driving the time mechanism. Chris Malik provided a reprint of an explanation of the differential governor contained in The National Jeweler, December, 1911 and some of the Company advertising.

President Andrews told the members about receiving thank you letters from, National Executive Director J. Steven Humphrey

for the \$200 in memory of Tom Foster and Samuel Kutner, and Janet oechsle, for Chapter 36's donation to the national convention at Dayton Ohio. The President also advised our members of the National Board election of Jerry Thornsberry as an appointed National Director for four more years. Jerry is heading the Development Committee of National to develop a mission and guidance for this Committee.

Our member, Judge Serra, reported on the formal dedication of the freshly restored Winkler, Seth Thomas, four faced street clock, June 9, 2013. The Judge wanted to participate in the dedication, but the Area Transportation Association of Kansas City Kansas, Missouri ,and the Johnson County transportation Authority pre-empted the dedication ceremony bragging about the transportation area where the clock was now located, about a half block east of the jewelry store where the Winkler Jewelry store first installed the clock in the early 1900s. Dwain Paugh, will take on the Chapter's responsibility for winding the Street Clock every week. It takes special training to wind and set the clock and Wayne will train our volunteers to do this. If you have not called Wayne to do this, call him at the very next opportunity.

Bill Dugan has arranged for two Workshop Classes from NAWCC: F101-Repair of Kitchen Mantle movement s for October 2 through October 5; F102-Time and Strike with basrrels, October 7 through 10 All four days for each class are full day sessions. The classes are full, but if interested call Bill Dugan at 913-782-1057 to learn about prices and get on a waiting list if someone would cancel out. Bill is also working on a deadbeat escapement class so call Bill if interested.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.