

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DEPRESSION GLASS SOCIETY
MINUTES
DATE April 18, 2017
EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
790 SOUTH CORONA
DENVER, CO

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Sue Dawson. Sixteen members and no guests were present.
2. The minutes of the March 21, 2017, meeting were approved as sent to the membership.
3. The report from the Treasurer is as follows:
Checking account: \$11,142.58; Savings account: \$10,563.74; (there was one check for church rental paid out).
4. Announcements: We are still in need of programs, as well as refreshments.
One in November is open.

Elections will be held in July. Sue provided information from the By-Laws with this information.

A reminder that the Antique Festival will be April 28-30 (April 28, 10-5; April 29, 9-5; April 30, 10-???)

4) at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Shirley and Art Moore and Jody and Mark Uthe will have a booth there.
5. Old Business

Is anyone attending and tending a table at the NDGA Show and Sale. No one is aware of any commitment at this time. We will discuss at a later date.
6. New Business

Jack Peacock is in the hospital with surgery; he is one of our dealers from show days.

Bruce Goldberg is going to be at the Antique Festival in Douglas County.

Jody Uthe (sp) has a contract for the show in Loveland.

Tom sent in an article to *Mountain States Collector* about baseball cards in the 1950. He thinks it will be published; perhaps, in May or June.

Tom asked if anyone knows when the Kirkland will re-open. Not yet.
7. The program was presented by Judy Knoshaug; she discussed Noritake china. The company has been in existence for 140 years. This was a multiphase company - banking, etc. Started in Japan, in 1874, as Morimura Brothers, Inc. Because the country of origin was required to be marked on imports, the word, "Nippon," was used. Originally, the pieces were not

their own china; rather, there were purchased blanks on which decorations were placed. Later, they produced their own ware.

Noritake, a name of a place in Japan, was not used because using place names were not allowed. Later, however, the name Noritake was authorized and was used. When the import laws changed, the words of the country of origin had to be English words; Nippon became Japan. Dinnerware seemed to be a specialty. World War II interrupted their business venture. Noritake, the name, was not used, again, until about 1948. Ken indicated that during the occupation of Japan, there was a requirement to identify all products that were exported from Japan with "Occupied Japan."

Noritake is still in business, today, and is one of the largest producers of porcelain in the world. There is a Noritake Collectors organization.

Harold and Ken shared pieces of Noritake they brought.

8. Delicious refreshments were provided by Sue Dawson. Thank you, Sue.

9. Show and tell: Several members had items to share and discuss. Show and tell, this evening, included Heisey, Tiffin, pattern glass, Morano (maybe), Jeannette, and mid-century modern.

10. The door prize winner was John Feltes.

11. Marj Becker made a request about the medicine/prescription bottles that she has asked be saved. She has discovered that some folks are not able to easily take off the labels from these bottles. So, if members will just leave the labels on the bottles, she will assure that they are removed before sending them to the Lions Club that is working with them to get them to Malawi. If you are concerned about your name being on the label, simply mark through the pertinent information.

12. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 9:00.

Marjorie L. Becker
Secretary