

RMDGS Minutes  
April 19, 2016

President Lois Gould called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 21 members and 2 guests present, Clara Merrill, sister of Marj Becker, and Elda Figuera, friend of Dick Glaser.

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes distributed with the newsletter.

Treasurer Jo Ellen Winther reported a checking account balance of \$12,664.24 and a savings account balance of \$10,560.58.

Vice President Sue Dawson noted that programs were needed for July, September and November. Kathy Fay volunteered for November.

Under old business Lois mentioned that the club needed to fill the librarian position..perhaps two people, one to provide the brawn and one to maintain the records, check in books. Roberta reported that all but three books have been returned. Tom Cotter and Ken Grubenhoff offered to set out the books for the meetings; Kathy Fay volunteered to keep the records and maintain the library.

Several shows will be coming up: Monument April 23/24; Castle Rock April 30/May 1; Strawberry Days in Longmont, May 21/22 and Loveland in July.

Under new business Lois shared her concern about the door prize and the cost to the club. Several options were discussed including selling tickets to defray the cost of the door prize, limiting it to one item, a piece of glass vs. gift cards. Marj Becker made a motion that the president appoint a committee of three to review the options and develop a plan for future door prizes by the October 2016 meeting. C J Adams seconded the motion, which carried. Martie Grubenhoff made a friendly amendment to poll the club members.

Jo Ellen noted that updated membership lists were available.

Martie Grubenhoff reported on the time she, Roberta Hankins and Sue Dawson spent inventorying and updating the library and requested members be vigilant about helping to keep check out records up to date

and accurate. There was some discussion about the number of books and how frequently they were checked out. It was noted that sometimes books were used for reference during a meeting and not always checked out.

Dick Glaser presented the main program with a wide variety of toys from as early as the late 1800's and into the 1990's. The toys included puzzle key chains from the 1950's, Oliver toy 1/16 scale tractor, a pine wood derby car from Boy Scout competitions, a wind-up toy soldier by the Wolverine Co. of Pittsburg, PA, a mechanical bank, a VW car with feet, a '50's Charlie Brown friction toy, a 1965 Ford Mustang GT fastback car (Dick has a 1967 full sized Mustang in his garage!) More recent, was the 1998 mechanical Star Wars Luke Skywalker. Other items included a Mc Dowell 1920's wind-up race track, an 1890's cast iron sharecropper cake still bank, two squeezable acrobats make by the Buster Brown shoe company. We also learned how many freckles Howdy Doody has...48, one for each state in the union. Dick showed cap guns, an apple penny bank, a Studebaker, Silver Hawk and several Beanie babies. Dick shared the story of Trudy selling her 100+ duplicates at the Longmont show and spending her proceeds on a beautiful antique cabinet to hold her collection of Beanie babies. There also was a set of Akro Agate toy dishes, Steiff bears, one called Dickie. The hit of the evening was a Ford Fairlane peddle car that Alex Garrison drove around the room. Hallmark produced a miniature replica 1942 Pontiac peddle car. The kid in all of us enjoyed the presentation.

Sue Dawson and Judy Knoshaug provided the tasty treats during the break.

Roberta Hankins gave the mini program on her collection of candy boxes which included Frango mint boxes made by Fenton for Marshall Fields in a satin lime green, complete with the cardboard box....sans chocolate. The box included the name Frango Mints, the Fenton name and the Marshall Field logo. In 1988 Fenton made the same box in red carnival glass for the Fenton Club. In the 1990's the candy operation was moved from Chicago to Pennsylvania. There was a pink iridescent box made in the 1980's.  
Show and Tell:

Lois Gould: From her recent D.C. trip: a glass paper weight inspired by

Marj Becker's collection; a Duncan & Miller covered box...Passion Flower bottom, duck top; a crystal vase..possibly Lennox and a pottery mug made by Lois' brother-in-law.

Tom Cotter: and EAPG Castle pattern pickle castor.

Ken Grubenhoff: a Heisey Flat Panel 2 qt. crushed fruit jar; a Fenton crystal crest epergne and candlesticks from La Cache. Ken shared that La Cache has many bargains due to the donations made and is located at 4th and Downing. Lois Gould shared the story of a pair of D & M First Love hurricane lamps that her husband wouldn't buy, waiting for the mark-down. When they went to find them after the second mark-down, they were gone and Lois was disappointed. Her sadness disappeared when she received them later as a gift.

Harold Keller: a cobalt and crystal frosted nude stem made by Seneca which was at one time the largest producer of tumblers. This stem is not completely nude as she has a bracelet. (JoEllen's observation!!)  
a 1943 Imperial Candlewick rare cupped bonbon with a heart shaped handle.

Steve Bass: a Weller vase in the Bluebells pattern; a Cambridge rock crystal engraved covered candy box; a red Degenheart child's cup; a Fenton Hobnail yellow mustard; a Cambridge by Imperial footed compote and an unknown modern style cream and sugar.

Kathy Fay: 1916 Van Briggles vase with the spiderwort flower. Kathy also noted the LA pottery show in May and the Pottery Lovers show in Zanesville, Ohio the second week in July.

CJ: an unknown orange covered dish; a Jeanette red to yellow covered powder box with a swan; a crystal footed vase and an HF Coors black velvet mustard jar made in California, a Jagermeister cordial, an unknown perfume, and a Japanese Netto china mayo set.

Tom Cotter and Steve Bass won the door prizes. The meeting adjourned at 8:55.