

RMDGS Minutes
April 21, 2015

President, Roberta Hankins, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The club welcomed new member Kathy Fay who collects pottery.

There were no corrections to the March meeting minutes. Treasurer, Jo Ellen Winther, announced a savings account balance of \$10,557.40 and a checking account balance of \$20,777.39 as of 3/31/2015. She noted that the checking account balance would shrink as show bills are paid.

Vice-President, Sue Dawson, sent around a program/refreshment meeting sign-up sheet. Roberta passed around a show work schedule sign up sheet noting that there were several open slots for security and the club library.

In his show report, Tom Cotter noted that he had been successful in finding unloading and loading help for the dealers. Thursday is table set-up day and dealers may unload merchandise, cover tables and set up risers, but not unpack. Friday, the club will provide lunch to the dealers, helpers and club members directly involved in show set up. Dealer access Friday is at 8:00 AM or earlier, depending on the arrival of the show chairs. Wi-fi access will be available to dealers. If more secure access is needed, Tina will be available on Friday to facilitate that. Keith Yahn suggested that the club member sale booth should not become a congregating place for club members during the show unless they are directly involved in selling. Members can be helpful in the display area.

There was no new or old business.

Roberta presented her delightful collection of Santa's sleighs ranging in size and composition. Her ceramic sleighs were made by Lennox, Mikasa, Fitz and Floyd, Lefton, Joseph Originals, and Princess House. Roberta's glass sleighs were made by Fostoria, Westmoreland, Fenton, Waterford and Boyd. Club members chuckled as Roberta noted that her sleigh collection just sort of happened.

Helga Day treated the club members to tasty treats exquisitely presented.

After the break, Dick Glaser shared the collection of Chessie cats that were the joy of his late wife, Trudy. Dick shared prints from the advertisements promoting the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, as well as a wool blanket that was a premium given to young children travelers and a deck of cards. Fenton also made a candy box which they called "Chessie" and Dick showed samples in mostly iridescent colors and one in the very rare Roselene color. These boxes are hard to find. Dick also displayed one Chessie basket which most members had never seen.

The door prize went to Tom Cotter; the second drawing for Helga's table centerpiece went to Larry Becker.

Show and Tell Items:

Steve Bass: unknown toothpick holders, a cut glass punch cup and a covered syrup pitcher

Curtis Silbaugh: a pair of stemmed compotes with decoration, possibly Cambridge

Harold Keller: Cambridge stems; art Deco black glass ashtray with silver base and Duncan & Miller Viking Ship bowl

Kathy Fay: three stems with wheel cut pattern - possibly European

Alex Kizewski: pink Fostoria Mayfair ashtray

The meeting adjourned at 8:35

Respectfully submitted,
Martie Grubenhoff, Secretary