



# FORT WORTH COIN CLUB

## CLUB MEETING MINUTES HELD AT FORT WORTH BOTANIC GARDEN FEBRUARY 6, 2025

Dalia and Ryan S. provided the club with a tasty dinner of chicken strips with cream gravy and chips. Pecan, coconut cream and chocolate ice box pies completed the meal.

Cindy G. was the camera operator for those viewing the meeting on Zoom.

President Kevin G. called the meeting to order at approximately 7 PM. He introduced three guests, Dalton R., Reed W. and William S. who identified their collecting interests and how long they have been involved in the hobby.

The minutes of the December meeting, which had been sent via email, were accepted. There was not a January club meeting because of the Lightscape event at the Botanic Garden which charges \$20 for parking. Walter F. gave the financial report.

The door prize winners were Andrew M. and Ryan R. Each received an MS 1964-D Kennedy half dollar.

Kevin informed the club that long time club member and board member, Jim Taylor, passed away just before Christmas. The club will make a donation to TNA's Coin's for A's program in Jim's memory.

Jimmy D. was appointed by the Board of Director's to fill the remainder of Jim's term on the Board.

Kevin reminded everyone that annual dues of \$20 are now due.

**ATTENTION EVERYONE:** Our March meeting (next month) will be our BBQ/Bingo Awards Dinner. The club will provide Bar-B-Q and some sides. Members are encouraged to bring a salad, a side dish or dessert. Members who provided service to the club last year will be recognized and there will be a drawing for 3 \$100 educational scholarships as well as some pretty nice prizes if you win at bingo.

Dalia S. reported that the club's generosity was outstanding at Christmas. Because of the toys/cash we brought to the December meeting, she was able to donate about \$600 in toys to the Ronald McDonald House charity. She said the staff there was exceedingly pleased by such a large donation, not to mention the excitement for the kids.

Richard L. gave an update on the Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) coin show. This year it is scheduled for May 30-June 1 at the Lone Star Convention Center in Conroe, just north of Houston. Next year, however, **and this is exciting**, the TNA is negotiating to bring it back to Fort Worth at the Will Rogers Convention Center where it used to be years ago. Let's all hope that happens.

It was suggested the club create a want list for members looking for specific coins and a sell list to highlight what might be in the monthly club auctions. Walter F. volunteered to create and maintain such a list, which would be attached to the monthly club minutes members receive. If interested, see Walter.

### **SHOW AND TELL**

Kevin G. acquired a common date buffalo nickel with a hole drilled in the chief's eye on the obverse and a bb or something similar inserted into the hole. This had a very unfortunate result for the buffalo on the reverse. Ouch!



Larry H. is nearly finished acquiring a date and variety set of capped bust quarters of which he showed an 1832 example graded VF-35 by PCGS. You will recall Larry gave the December program on that series' varieties. He's now going to start on a date/variety set of capped bust dimes and half dimes. Good luck and happy hunting.

Frank H. had quite a collection of different colored Mardi Gras coins, all of which were at least 50 years old.

### **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

Frank H. gave a really interesting program on the Chicago World's Fair Columbian Exposition of 1893. It was held from May through October of that year and over 26 million people attended. The fairgrounds included more than 670 acres and showcased the first

Ferris wheel and the first widespread use of electricity, which most American's had not seen yet.

Frank said the event had more paraphernalia associated with it than any other exposition and he had examples of quite a few items from it (bolstered by Richard L.'s collection) including books, maps, spoons, china, tickets and, of course, coins.

There were six official general admission tickets which looked more like small currency. Organizers had to keep printing new ones because demand was greater than expected. Frank had all six which contained the likenesses of Columbus, Washington, Lincoln, an Indian chief, Franklin and, the sixth issue, Handel, the composer.

Here is a picture of a few of the items Frank had from the Exposition:



The lucky winners of Frank H.'s raffle were:

- Brett M. who won a 2021 Eagle and
- Warren P. who won an early release 2016 Eagle in a wooden case

For the rest of us, better luck next time.

There were approximately 22 items in the auction conducted by Frank P. with Frank H. keeping track of the auction money.

There will be no Zoom broadcast next month since it will be our bingo/BBQ meeting.

Upcoming coin shows:

- Cowtown (White Settlement) – Feb. 28 – Mar. 1
- Grapevine – Mar. 14 – 16
- Texoma (Denison) – Mar. 22
- Longview – Mar 28 – 29
- Waco – April 18 – 19
- Gainesville – April 24 – 25

Respectfully submitted,

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