

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society  
January 26, 2011

Board Meeting:

President Michael Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Board Members Present: Sandra Whalen, Michael Whalen, Ed Treuting, Bill Hyder,  
Dan Hipple

General Members: Herb Miles, Michael Wehner, Jerry Schimmel

Treasurer's Report: December 22, 2010 through January 26, 2011.

Income (dues and donations): \$220

Expenses (Fort Mason rental and misc.): \$90.50

Checking Balance: \$1,391.29

Savings Balance: \$8,407.65

One new member reported. Eugene Fursov

Old Business: None

New Business:

Jerry Schimmel offered to present his talk on old San Francisco brothel tokens and buildings. The talk is longer than normal and is expected to draw a larger crowd. The talk is scheduled for the February meeting. To allow appropriate time, the presentation will begin at 7pm. The board meeting will move to 6:30 to accommodate the earlier start time.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 PM.

President Michael Whalen called the 1137<sup>th</sup> General Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.

Members in attendance include Sandra Whalen, Michael Whalen, Herb Miles, Ed Treuting, Mark William Clark, Dan Hipple, Catz Forsman, Ken Takahashi, Federico Castillo, Michael Wehner, Jerry Schimmel, Scott Annechino, Lew Robinson, and Bill Hyder. Guests include Donna D.

Plans for the February meeting were announced.

Dan Hipple presented his talk:

The Niobe:

The Ship and the Medal

The Segelschulschiff Niobe, a German naval training ship, was built in 1913 in Denmark, sold to Norway, captured by Germany, and awarded to the Soviet Union at the end of World War I before being re-purchased by the German Navy, rebuilt as a 3-masted barque, and christened the SSS Niobe in 1923. The Niobe carried a crew of 32 and 77 cadets.

The Niobe capsized in a shear squall incident off the tip of Fehmarn Island on July 26, 1932. Sixty-nine crewmembers were lost, forty were rescued. The Niobe was raised in August of 1932 and the crew buried on Fehmarn Island where a monument was erected. The Free State of Prussia could not afford to pay benefits to the families of the lost crew members due to the economic problems of the period. To help the families and to help purchase a new ship, the Berlin mint struck approximately 40,000 silver memorial medals that were sold for 5 marks each to raise funds. In addition to the medal displayed by Dan, Karl Goetz produced a memorial medal, 85 mm size individually cast and 36 mm struck at the Munich mint, that he sold independent of the Prussian fund raising efforts.

The evening raffle included:

5 Crown Turks & Caicos Islands Lunar Landing/ANA commemorative – Michael Whalen  
1897 Victoria medal – Ed Treuting  
Bag of copper farthings – Dan Hipple  
ANA bag – Federico Castillo

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to member exhibits.

Member Exhibits included:

Michael Wehner – Three Stooges memorabilia and a French meteorology medal.  
Federico Castillo – A medal with a French horn and three certified Costa Rican coins.  
Jerry Schimmel – A fragment of a lead die splash and a William Dunphy silver membership medal from the BDFGA.  
Herb Miles – Distributed a CSNA wooden dollar and brought San Francisco tokens.  
Ken Takahashi – A set of elongated halves produced for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the San Francisco Coin Club.  
Whalen – A 1918/7 S standing liberty quarter and an 1873/small 3 shield nickel.  
Bill Hyder – Three Celtiberian bronze coins.  
Catz Forman – 1935 Connecticut commemorative half-dollar.  
Scott Annechino – A 1926/5 Belgian Cong 1 Franc and an 1888 Belgian Congo 2 centimes, a 1925/4 10 centimes, a 1908 20 centimes, and 1909 10 centimes, all from Belgian Congo.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Compiled by Bill Hyder