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After a hiatus of almost three months (where does the time go?) it's time for Chapter 23 to swing back into action. Our next chapter meeting will be:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

2: 00 PM

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

LAKELAND, FLORIDA

OUR MAY, 2009 MEETING

The Chapter met at the Grace Lutheran Church in Lakeland, Florida on May 17, 2009. The meeting was called to order by President Fred Meder at 2:30 pm. The minutes of the April chapter meeting was approved as was the treasurer's report. A discussion of the approaching APS election developed in which George Kuhn pointed out that the Chapter had failed to support a candidate for director of APL. The chapter agreed to support Larry Nix for that position. It was also agreed that the chapter would support the proposed revisions in the APS By-Laws.

Jim Pullin announced that the GPS elections would be held in the summer and that ten individuals were seeking to fill the six director positions on the GPS Board. It was noted, with a great deal of pride, that our own Jim Pullin and Priit Rebane were two of the individuals standing for re-election to the Board and the Chapter was encouraged to support them in the coming election.

Our annual officer's election was held during the meeting and the results were as follows:

President ----- Frank Hills
Vice President-----Richard Laux
Treasurer----- Ed Evan
Secretary-----John Hayner

All the officers were elected unanimously and there were expressions of congratulations by the members present. There is no doubt that our Chapter is in good hands for the coming year.

Jim Pullin announce that the next GPS Convention (2010) will be held in Baltimore.

The chapter members present expressed their gratitude to President Meder for a job well done during the 2008-2009 year. Fred guided us efficiently through our deliberations and he arranged some excellent programs. Thank you again for a job well done.

The Chapter meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

OTHER MATTERS. Jim Pullin's new book, *NORTH ATLANTIC PACKETS, DEPARTURES & ARRIVALS, 1818-1840*, is being well received in the professional journals. So far I have read two positive reviews, one in the Journal of Postal History and the other in The Chronicle of the U.S. Classic Postal Issues. Congratulations Jim! If you would like a copy of this handsome book see Jim.

Did you catch the handsome faces of Priit Rebane and James Pullin gracing the front cover of the June GPS Specialist? Inside the issue were two excellent biographical sketches of Priit and Jim. If you missed it, check it out.

The September meeting will be the first meeting of a new chapter year. Please make every effort to attend this meeting so that we can get started in a big way. Remember that our membership dues are due for 2009-2010.

SEE YOU ON THE 13TH!!