

Quad Cities Magic Club, Ring 11 – Feb, 2018

The meeting began with an announcement of a change in the club's agenda for the year. The show that is set up for the Immanuel Lutheran Church has been changed from March to May, exact date not yet determined. The other opportunities club shows are: 1. Thursday, April 26, is the date for the Plus Sixties Club – it will be an hour show plus a half-hour teach-in; Todd Herbst is overseeing that.

2. Sunday, Oct. 7, the library in Independence, IA is celebrating its 10th anniversary from 1-4pm in the afternoon. They have asked our club to bring 10-12 magicians to be spaced around the library and 2-3 balloon guys.

There will be a Nicola Festival at the Warren Historical Museum in Monmouth, IL, on April 21, 11am – 9pm. Joe Dobson will give us further details as we get closer to the date.

In other news, it was moved and seconded that the treasurer be given a debit card to use to book rooms for our visiting lecturers.

The subject of the blade box was raised in terms of what we should do with it. It cost the club \$1655, and it has created revenue for the club, since we have not been able to use it at various venues. It was decided to table further discussion until we can bring it up with Eric Dany and then Craig Beytein to see where their interests in it lie.

Next Month – March: A special program for our club. Our own Joe Dobson, “Dr. Joe,” will be retiring from teaching at Western Ill. University and moving to Florida. He is a past-president of our club and has contributed both good magic and humor to our meetings. We have asked him to give a one-hour magic lecture for the club, sharing some of best magic and perspective on the art.

Snacks and beverage: Carol Yodts

Media report: Omar Gutierrez

Performances: This was our annual four-corner round robin. Four magicians, Ian Munk, Mark Yeager, Kim Meacham, and Steve Delaney, were placed in one of the four corners of the room where each taught a trick to each of four small groups rotating around the room.

Mark Yeager shared his sponge ball routine. A good resource is *The Sponge Book*.

Steve Delaney taught *Traveling Cash* by Dan Harlan in which a folded dollar bill mysteriously climbs down each of four strands of two rubber bands stretched between the fingers of both hands.

Ian Munk brought us Max Maven's *Nothing*, involving poker chips and a prediction.

Finally, Kim Meacham presented the classic routine involving sponge balls and a Benson bowl.

Imagine four teaching magicians and not one card trick – now that's amazing!