

**NWWT Board Meeting
July 24, 2018**

Called to Order: By President Tom Thornton at 5:57 PM

Members Present: Tom Thornton, Norman Lanford, Ray Shields, Gary Moore, Jeff Phillips, Philip Kezele, Ron Means, Rod Parker, Michael McCunn.

Approval of June 26 minutes: Moved by Mike McCunn, Seconded by Ray Shields and PASSED.

Committee Reports

Treasurer: Jeff reported there is a total of \$7,563.00. The last two meetings the club took in \$721.00 for the tool and wood raffles. The monthly demonstrator was \$250.00. The cost for some lathe repairs and the remaining cost for the new lathe stands was \$1462.00. The club received \$500.00 in registration fees to date for the upcoming Steven Hatcher class.

Membership: Mike McCunn reported he is now the liaison for Women In Turning (WIT) to the American Association of Woodturners. There are two new NWW members, Renee Palmer and Angela Hills, bringing the total membership to 163.

Mentors: No new report. Tom will ask Rod to make a few comments at the next meeting.

Librarian: Ron was not present.

Sawdust Saturday: Sawdust Saturday is usually the last Saturday of the month.

- August – will be an open shop on the 18th for top making.
- September – There are seven people signed up to make boxes on the 29th.
- October – Christmas ornaments.

Newsletter: Submission deadline for the newsletter is July 29th.

Events:

- The Anacortes Arts Festival is August 3-5. There will be a Robust lathe and 3 or 4 of the new Midis to use. Tom will check with Rick Erb to see if he is available to deliver the lathes.
- Bellingham Top Turning at Civic Field is canceled for this year.
- Children's Museum top turning in Everett is September 9th. See Brad Thompson for details.

Programs:

- There was discussion about next March's All Day Demonstration. Les is working to firm up Mike Mahoney for our demonstrator. Jeff Phillips suggested getting

flyers out early, by September or October at the latest. Tom said the church location is confirmed for next March.

- August potluck picnic at Laura's house on 8/25/18.
- September meeting our demonstrator is Bonnie Klein.
- October meeting our demonstrator is Stephen Hatcher.

Old Business

Mt. Vernon Christian School tour (potential new club meeting venue) Tom, Norm, Rod, Phil and George toured the school to inspect for a potential new club meeting venue. They were impressed with the facility, reporting about the good video, audio and lighting, seating for 435 with cushioned chairs. Phil was concerned about the lack of 220v outlets but thought we could install 220v for about \$1,300. There is some storage space available for small items. There is some concern about having school functions at the same time as our meeting but that is probably not an issue on Thursdays. We would be given a key and the code to the alarm. The school requires a one year lease. We would have to supply liability insurance. The school has a shop and it was discussed about offering the school students wood turning lessons for possible reduction in rent.

There are many questions to be answered before we can make any decisions about moving. Are we willing to put out more money for possibly a better facility? Norman Lanford will compile all the information and bring to the board meeting in September.

Shop / studio tour: There are five people in the Anacortes area who signed up to offer shop tours. Rod will investigate organizing studio tours in October.

Help / backup for Jim Short (camera operator) and other positions: Molly Winton suggested having Jim Short working on a backup person to help him.

Improved lighting for video: The video crew thought the lights that the photo crew purchased were good and they are considering purchasing two more lights.

"Turn and Learn": The question was posed whether the board would like to try having a lathe set up at 5:30 before the meeting with someone demonstrating a project. The board thought it was a good idea so Rod Parker and Ron Means will demonstrate making toothpick holders in September and Christmas ornaments in October.

Increase "Tops for Tots" participation: August 18th there will be a fun day to make tops at Gerrit's shop.

Membership committee backup: Mike McCunn said he has chosen a backup to help him.

Disposition of mini-lathes: There was discussion about selling the mini lathes as the new midi lathes are working out very well for turning and moving. There was a motion by Jeff Phillips to sell the mini lathes for \$100.00 to include the stands, live center, spur drive, face plate, tool rest and knock out bars, but to exclude the chucks. Philip Kezele seconded the motion and it passed.

This offer is for members of the club only.

Poor lighting in Hillcrest Lodge: This discussion was tabled until we decide about possibly changing locations to the Mt Vernon Christian School.

Wireless microphones issue: This issue is resolved for now.

Tom's meeting with Molly Winton:

- Tom asked Molly about recruiting volunteers. She thought it was best to approach individuals instead of sending out a general invitation. Molly suggested having the volunteer to pursue a helper if they need a backup.
- Molly recommended appointing a mentor assigned to new members.
- She also suggested having detailed written instructions for every position.
- Molly and Tom talked about membership retention. About 40% of first year members quit after the first year. A survey was sent out inquiring why people left but it was not beneficial.

Clarify officer and committee chair descriptions: It was decided to have each chair position and board member to write up a description or use an existing description of his or her duties, adding or subtracting as necessary. These descriptions will be given to Norm Lanford to consolidate.

Look at NCWA's Improvement Initiative idea for potential use in NWW: The board would like to invite NCWA to present their improvement initiatives at a board meeting in January or February so any new board members will be present.

Contact Jesse to update website calendar: No new information.

Research new banking facility: The board feels it is time to change our banking to another institution. Jeff Phillips thinks we need multiple branches, electronic transfers, credit card, checking and saving account. Jeff is leaning toward BECU (Boeing Educational Credit Union).

Ray Shields made a motion to change our banking institution to BECU with the timing of the move to be at the discretion of our Treasurer, Jeff Phillips. Ron Means seconded the motion and it passed.

New Business

Coffee maker replacement: The board voted to buy a new coffee maker.

Potential VP / board member candidates: Ray Shields (among others) has been putting out feelers for potential candidates but so far there are no takers.

There are two members at large whose terms will be expiring:

Ron Means

James Plessner

We will be looking to replace Ron and James. Tom Thornton volunteered to be a candidate for one member-at-large position.

Lathe transportation to Anacortes Festival: Tom will ask Rick Erb if he could transport the lathes.

Festival of Trees 2018: Gary said he was contacted by Molly Simon from the Bellingham Senior Center to see if we are going to sponsor a tree this year. Tom Thornton made a motion to participate in the Festival of Trees 2018 event. Mike McCunn seconded the motion and it passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ray Shields and seconded by Rod Parker. The motion was passed

The meeting was adjourned by President Tom Thornton at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Moore, Secretary