

NWW Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 25, 2018

Location: Farmhouse Restaurant

Called to Order: By President Tom Thornton at 6:10 PM

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

Approval of July 24 board meeting minutes: Moved by Rod Parker, Seconded by Ray Shields and PASSED.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer – Jeff Phillips handed out the budget report up to 9/25/2018. Total funds available to date are \$10,929. Jeff paid NCWA for half of the August picnic cost. Jeff has started to receive dues for next year from some people. He also handed out a breakdown of expenses for rental comparison at Hillcrest Lodge vs. Mt Vernon Christian School based on the contract information the school gave us.

Membership – Mike McCunn reported there are three new members since our last meeting; two from Anacortes and one from Mt Vernon. They are all beginning turners. He invited the new members to his shop for a mentor session. Mike will be retiring as the Membership Chair as of January 1, 2019. Mike introduced Angela Hills who will be the new Chair, with some help as a backup from him. Mike is now the liaison to AAW's WIT ("Women in Turning") program.

Mentors – Rod Parker reported that very few people have approached him for mentorship help. Mike will send Rod the new membership names for him to follow up, with opportunities for mentoring.

Librarian – Ron Wehde was not present. It was reported that he bought some new books and videos for the library. Ron will not be present at the next club meeting so Ron Means volunteered to man the library table.

Sawdust Saturdays – Next week's class will be on turning lidded boxes. There are 7 people out of 8 possible signed up. October 27 will be making Christmas ornaments; 6 people have signed up for this class so far. Also, at the next club meeting there will be a "Turn and Learn" at 5:30pm to aid and assist in making Christmas ornaments.

Ron said that he will not be able to be the focal person for Sawdust Saturdays next year. Ron will write up a description of the responsibilities of the Focal person. The Board will be looking for his replacement.

Newsletter – **Submission deadline for any articles or other contributions is September 30th.**

Events – The question was asked, "Who is our Events Chair?" Dennis Shinn has coordinated many events but he has indicated he is stepping down from coordinating events. Looking for a Chair person.

Melanie Mankamyer will be coordinating the Holiday Potluck Party again this year. She asked Tom to arrange for the meats. Last year we had two hams and a turkey and we ran out so this year we will have two hams and two turkeys. Tom will cook two hams and Rod volunteered to cook one turkey. Tom will look for one more volunteer to cook another turkey. The rest of the food at the event will be pot luck.

There was some discussion about the March All-Day Demonstration with Mike Mahoney. Rick Anderson is making the posters and said he needs dates and fee information by October 10th. Last year we had conflicting fees advertising the event so Jeff wanted to make sure all of the fees are the same.

Ray Shields made a motion to set the fee at \$45.00 initially and \$55.00 after the February meeting. Rod Parker seconded the motion and it passed.

The Board is looking for a point person to lead this event. The likely candidate is Phil Kazele.

Ron Means ask for information about the Festival of Trees event to help him decide what to focus on in the Sawdust Saturday class and the "Turn and Learn" Christmas ornament sessions. Gary will send him some information.

Programs – Stephen Hatcher will be our presenter at the October meeting. In addition, he will be offering a unique 2 day workshop on mineral/epoxy resin embellishments.

Old Business:

Mt Vernon Christian school potential new club meeting venue. Jeff Phillips summarized the fees for renting the school facility based on the contract the school gave us. The worst case scenario is \$12,760 for the school vs \$1,800 for Hillcrest Lodge. Final fees for the school may be negotiable. The school location probably would not be suitable for our All-Day Demo event. There are many unanswered questions. It was decided to table this decision until next year when we will be able to get more information from the school and NCWA.

Shop / Studio tours - No further report (currently on hold until a yet-to-be-determined future date).

Help / backup for Jim Short (camera operator) and other positions (coffee) – The Board is considering up to 3 people for the coffee position in case the lead position is unavailable for a meeting (analogous to the way NCWA handles it). The Board also felt it was up to the person in charge to find a replacement in case they were unavailable. We will be looking for two more volunteers to help Ron Torrence.

"Turn and Learn" – Rod likes the idea of having a learning session before the meeting but he questioned the logistics. Jeff suggested not using a lathe, but design the time more like the "meet the mentors" program we had in the Spring. Ron Means will think about that concept for the October Christmas ornament "Turn and Learn".

Disposition of mini-lathes – Norman set up a sign-up sheet to sell the lathes. He told everyone the first on the list gets first choice and so on down the list. He brought the lathes out from the storage room and each person chose the lathe they wanted. They were all gone in 20 minutes.

Poor Lighting at Hillcrest Lodge – This is tabled until we make a decision on potentially changing venues to Mt Vernon Christian School.

Clarify officer and committee chair descriptions – Each board member, chairperson and events coordinator is to give Norman an updated copy of their duties. After board review, the ByLaws will be revised as necessary.

Look at NCWA's improvement initiative idea for potential use in NWW – Tom has the written improvement suggestions which he will provide to Ray and others for their review and comments.

Website update – There are concerns about keeping the website up to date. Mike McCunn will contact a member of the club who has computer skills and see if they would be interested in helping on the web. Gary will contact a friend who builds websites for information.

Potential VP / board member candidates – Ray will compose an article for the newsletter talking about potential recruiting of board members coming up for the coming year. Rod Parker said he would be willing to volunteer for the new Vice President position.

New Business:

Homeport School lathe and tools donation – The school needs to make a decision by October 4th. Homeport School is closed and needs to donate the equipment they received under an AAW grant to an education facility. We had three suggestions for the donation:

- Mt Vernon Christian School

- Langley School
- Port Townsend School

Ray Shields made a motion to give the list of potential recipients to Homeport and let them decide to whom to make their donation. Jeff Phillips seconded and the motion passed.

Christmas party agenda – Melanie to plan the party.

Possible fee increase for Burlington Community Center – Tom received a call from Burlington Parks and Rec about a possible use fee increase at the center. This will be discussed at the coming Burlington City Council meeting. Rod suggested we reserve the Burlington Library for our April meeting. The space is free but we need to have insurance. Jeff will check on insurance. Tom will check six months in advance (i.e., October 18) to see if the space is available for April.

Tool Raffle – The decision was made to continue the raffle for next year.

Disposition of Pure Timber bendable wood from club store – The store has \$62.00 of inventory left. This item is not selling. The Board decided to put the wood into the wood raffle in November.

There being no further business, Ray Shields made a motion to adjourn and Rod Parker seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned by President Tom Thornton at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Secretary Gary Moore