

NWW Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 23, 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, George Way.

Also present: Angela Hills (taking Mike McCunn's place in January), Jeffrey Moore (Member-at-large incumbent).

Approval of Sept 25th board minutes: Moved by Ray Shields to approve, Seconded by Rod Parker and passed.

Committee Reports:

- **Treasurer** – Jeff has been collecting 2019 dues as a number of people have already paid. Steven Hatcher was the big expense for this month. There is \$2,359 in checking, \$6,068 in savings with total funds available of \$8,527. We are \$6,715 over budget because of the purchase of our new midi lathes and stands, and slightly over budget on Steven Hatcher classes because they did not fill completely.
- **Membership** – No Report (Mike McCunn was unable to attend).
- **Mentors** – Rod felt the mentors table led by Ron Means on Christmas ornaments was not sufficiently promoted. Rod thinks we need a banner to identify and highlight the mentors table at our Thursday meetings. He also will look into placing the table at a better location for access, possibly using the counter in the back. A suggestion was made to have two mentors at the table instead of one person. Rod will continue working to improve the mentors program.
- **Librarian** – Ron was not at the October meeting so Rod Parker manned the library table. He said there was a lot of interest. He also said somebody brought in material to donate to the club.
- **Sawdust Saturday** – The Christmas ornament class will be taught by Ron Means with help from George Way. The class is full. Rod will contact class participants about which tools to bring.
- **Newsletter** – Submission deadline is Sunday, October 28, 2018.
- **Events** – At this time we do not have an events coordinator. Melanie Mankamyer has been helping plan some of the events. Tom will be looking for an events coordinator.

Programs:

Les Books was not at the meeting to give a report. Ray Shields said he would contact Les about the upcoming January meeting program, in order to include it in the next newsletter.

Jeff was very concerned about how the planning was coming together for the Mike Mahoney All-Day Demonstration in March. He felt we needed to have this go forward faster because of the number of decisions to be made. Phil Kezele has offered to head this program but he is out of town until the end of October. Rick Anderson has completed the posters for the event. In the past Hazel has put together an itemized planning list for the event. Tom said he will get a copy of her planning list and send it to Norman, who will be checking to make sure all necessary arrangements are being made. George Way said he will talk to the church when he gets Hazel's information.

Old Business:

- **Mt Vernon Christian School tour (potential new club meeting venue)** – The NCWA met for the first time at the school and were very satisfied. The cost to them was \$200.00 plus \$30.00 for use of the projector. We decided to continue getting more information from the school and see how the NCWA likes the new location after they have been there a while. While we are getting more information from the School we will also see about possible improvements at Hillcrest Lodge. Rod is going to talk to the Mt. Vernon Parks & Rec to see if they are interested in getting new chairs and improving the lighting.
- **Shop / Studio tours** – No report.
- **Help / backup for Jim Short and other positions** – Robin Watson is interested in helping with making coffee but is in WA intermittently (about half of the year).
- **“Turn and Learn”** – Rod Parker made a motion to allocate up to \$100.00 for a banner for the “Turn and Learn” table. Ray Shields seconded the motion and it passed.
- **Poor Lighting in Hillcrest Lodge** – Rod will talk to Parks & Rec about the situation.
- **Clarify Officer and Committee Chair descriptions** – Norman is accepting SOP’s for officers, committee chairs and descriptive planning documents for annual events.
- **Look at NCWA’s Improvement Initiative idea for potential use in NWW** – Ray and Tom have looked over the report. They both thought it worthwhile for the rest of the board to look it over. Norman will scan the report and send it to board members as a PDF file.
- **Website update** – Tom talked to Kyland Holmes about possibly taking over the webmaster position and he said he would be happy to at least look it over. Jesse Charette said he would not mind stepping down from this position.
- **Potential VP / board member candidates** –
 - Vice President: Rod Parker.
 - Treasurer: Phil Kezele.
 - Members-at-Large (confirmed) Jeffrey Moore, Giovanni Monteferrante, David Pettinski, and Rick Terney.
 - Members-at-Large (potential) Sherri Greenleaf, Greg Camrud.
- **Homeport School lathe and tools donation** – Homeport is going to offer the equipment to Mt Vernon Christian School.
- **Possible fee increase for Burlington Community Center** – Tom has not heard back from the Burlington Parks & Rec office about the fees. We will apply to the Burlington Library six months before our April 18th meeting.
- **Lifetime membership for Laura Mathews** – Ray Shields will make an announcement at the November meeting that Laura Mathews will receive a lifetime membership in gratitude for all the fine work she has performed for the club.

New Business:

- **Recognition for Ron Ratliff’s top production (1001 for the year)** - Tom will talk to Sherri about making something to give Ron for all his generous gifts of tops for “Toys for Tots”.
- **Newsletter approval** – Ron Means and others were concerned about the cartoon in the last newsletter. Ron posed three questions for the board's consideration:
 1. Does the NWW Board of Directors have authority to instruct the Newsletter Editor to remove material from the newsletter? (*The Board’s answer to this was Yes*)
 2. Is it acceptable for the NWW Newsletter to joke about sexually assaulting Bonnie Klein, any female guest presenter, and/or any women? (*The Board’s answer to this was No*)
 3. Is it acceptable for the NWW Newsletter to include political attacks on people or issues that are unrelated to woodturning? (*The Board’s answer to this was No*).

The Newsletter Editor will delete the cartoon in question from the September newsletter.

Gary Moore made a motion that the Newsletter will focus on the Chapter Purposes as described in the NWW By-Laws and avoid loaded issues in the future. Jeff Philips seconded the motion and it passed

In the future the Newsletter Editor will forward a copy of the newsletter to the president, vice president and a member-at-large prior to publishing.

Ron Means will teach the next Sawdust Saturday but sadly after October 27th he will be resigning from the club.

- Tom reported that member David Yokum was kind enough to donate a McNaughton coring system to the club for our tool raffle.

A motion to adjourn was made by Norman Lanford and seconded by Rod Parker. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned by President Tom Thornton at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Secretary Gary Moore