

NWW Board Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2019
Location: Johnny Carino's, Burlington

Called to Order by President Normal Lanford at 5:40 PM

Members Present: Norman Lanford, Rod Parker, Gary Moore, Ray Shields, Philip Kezele, Tom Thornton, Angela Hills, Rick Terney, Jeffrey Moore.

Approval of board minutes: A motion was made by Rod Parker and seconded by Rick Terney to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2019 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer – Philip Kazele handed out the budget report for October. He reported that the club has a total of \$11,922.93. He is working on input for the upcoming 2020 budget. Phil also reported that the food for the November party is all paid up. Norman said that there are plates, cups and utensils left over from the August picnic that we can use for our November dinner.

Rick Terney would like to purchase some LED string lights to hang on the rafters at our Hillcrest meetings. The Board suggested we get approval from the Parks and Rec administration first.

Membership – Angela Hills reported there were no new members last month. There was a reminder that at our last meeting the club voted to approve the Board's suggestion to change membership dues. The annual dues will be \$40 per year (\$20 for new members joining after June 30). Members who renew prior to the end of the February meeting will be given a \$5 discount on their membership fee (i.e., fee reduced to \$35 per year). The club also voted that new members' fees will be \$35.

Mentors / Turn and Learn – Rod Parker requested feedback about whether Turn and Learn is being well received during regular meetings. Many of the Board members said they have heard good comments. Rick thinks it helps attract new members. Norman will request feedback at one of our meetings next year. In the meantime we will continue with the program.

Sawdust Saturday – The next SS on October 26th will be an Introduction to Platters. There were 12 people signed up, so there seems to be a lot of interest in platters. Rod believes he has adequate help for this weekend, but will need additional help for next year.

Librarian – Tom Thornton is almost finished updating the inventory and determining who has outstanding materials.

Store – The store's expenses so far this year come to \$3257, which is slightly over our projection of \$3,000. We sell supplies out of the store at approximately 10% over cost. The store revenue this year is about \$1,807. Tom will need to order new maple dowels for the January meeting. He wanted to know if we should order on the 2019 budget and the Treasurer (Phil Kezele) said yes. Tom will give Phil the cost of the dowels and get his approval before ordering.

Newsletter – Ray Shields asked the Board if the newsletter is meeting their expectations. The Board was in approval of the newsletter and felt there were no changes needed. The deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is Sunday October 27th.

Old Business:

Website – Ray Shields has been tweaking the website for additions and improvements. He is still in a learning curve to manage the web pages. There was a suggestion to remove old demonstrator information. Ray said that he could do that if storing the old posters was not necessary. The Board suggested possibly making a separate folder including information about our past presenters. Ray will work on these suggestions.

2020 All Day Demo Update - Rick Anderson has information to make posters for the March Demo and will have them ready for the December AAW magazine. We still do not know what the content of the demo will be but will likely have Nick Agar to do some kind of turning the first half of the demo and teach about embellishment and coloring for the second half. Rod told Nick to have different materials for the club presentation on Thursday evening. Tom Thornton is overseeing details for this event. George Way will get detailed information to Rod after November. Phil would like specific fee information regarding the demo. Nick will be coming here from Australia and will need a place to stay for a couple of days before the event.

Holiday Party planning- Melanie Mankamyer is overseeing this function but she will be out of town for part of the planning stage so Angela Hills volunteered to receive donations for the silent auctions in the Bellingham area, and Rod was willing to accept donations from those in the southern area. That information will be included in the next newsletter.

Tom Thornton will ask Melanie if she has volunteers to cook the turkeys and the hams. During the event, Tom said he plans to collect the money for the silent auction. Rod Parker has the center pieces and ornament holders.

Membership Management software – Following last month’s meeting, Board members were asked to look into Wild Apricot and similar club management software. Concern was raised about how much computer expertise may be required to obtain the intended benefit of such a program. This topic was tabled for now until more information is available.

New Business:

Ken Rizza’s request for email addresses – Tom Thornton talked to Ken Rizza about donating more items for the tool raffle. Ken agreed, but requested the email addresses without names of club members. While the Board felt that most members would not object to getting occasional marketing emails from Woodturning Wonders (and potentially others), since it is easy enough to unsubscribe if one does not wish to receive more of them, they also wish to respect the privacy of members and perhaps offer some type of “Opt Out” option if a member desires. Tom will tell Mr. Rizza that at this time we are not set up yet for handing out emails, but will work on this during member registration for the coming year.

Future of Tool Raffle – Tom wanted to know if we should continue the tool raffle. Following a brief discussion, during which it was found that the tool raffle more than covers its own expenses, Ray Shields made a motion to continue with the raffle at the same budgetary limit of \$200 per month. Jeff Moore seconded the motion and it passed. Tom would like input from membership about what kind of tools they would like in the auction.

Christmas Tree - The club has decided to decorate a Christmas tree every even-numbered year instead of decorating one every year. The club will next decorate a tree in 2020 for the Bellingham Senior Center.

There was discussion about “Burn Out”. It is getting harder to get enough participation for all of the events the club sponsors. The question was asked, should we cancel some events or work harder at finding more people to volunteer. Perhaps both. For now we will go to an every-other-year Christmas tree schedule as described above and also work harder training and recruiting more volunteers.

Recognition for club members – There was discussion about recognizing members for outstanding volunteering by club members. Norman would like a list of people that he could acknowledge at the monthly meetings and also present them with a gift certificate.

New Board Members – There are four positions on the Board that are coming due this year. We normally vote at our November meeting to fill these new Board positions. Norman Lanford is asking for possible names to nominate for Vice President, Secretary, and 2 Member-at-Large positions.

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Moore, Secretary