

**NWW Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 25, 2020**  
**Location: Denny's Restaurant, Mt Vernon**

**Called to Order by President Rod Parker at 5:51 PM.**

**Members Present: Rod Parker, Angela Hills, Philip Kezele, Norman Lanford, Gary Moore, Ray Shields, Tom Thornton, David Pettenski, Tal Birdsong, Giovanni Monteferrante.**

**Approval of board minutes:** A motion was made by Ray Shields and seconded by Phil Kezele to approve the minutes of the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. The minutes were approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer** – Phil Kezele reported that there is \$5,071.88 in Checking, \$11,014.88 in Savings and \$556.93 in Pay Pal for a total of \$16,643.69.

Our demonstrator at the February meeting was Dale Larson who said he would donate his fee to the AAW. David Pettenski wanted to know if he should pay Dale or send it to the AAW. Phil said to mail AAW the honorarium in Dale's name. He will also send the \$82 from auctioning off two spheres made by Dale and an AAW shirt donated by Dale.

**Membership** – Angela Hills reported there were 7 new members signed up at the last meeting which brings the club total membership to 181. Not all of these are paid up yet.

**Librarian** – Tal Birdsong has taken on the task of librarian and said he is still figuring out the system. He wanted to know the procedure for purchasing new material for the library. Rod said it was customary to bring the request to the Board for approval. Rod also suggested putting any older books or videos that the club doesn't want any more out for the membership to take for free.

**Club Store** – Tom Thornton wanted to thank Norm Lanford for helping in the store at the last meeting. The store sales at the last meeting totaled \$590 and the tool raffle was \$372. Tom is going to try and get the store vendors to charge our treasurer directly instead of charging him.

**Club Meeting Presentations** – David Pettenski reported that we are booked through October for club presentations. He talked about working to secure next year's presentations *now* because many of them are booked way in advance.

**Newsletter** – Ray Shields said the cutoff date for newsletter submissions is February 29<sup>th</sup>. Giovanni complimented Ray on his excellent work on the newsletter. He suggested applying to the AAW's competition for best newsletter. Giovanni will send Rod Parker the link to request being approved for the competition.

**Sawdust Saturday** – Thank you to Giovanni Monteferrante who will be the new SS coordinator. He will have a class scheduled for some time at the end of March, whose topic is yet to be determined.

**Mentors / Turn and Learn** – We are looking for a person to take over the Mentors program. Rod Parker will act as temporary lead until we find a replacement.

**Old Business:**

**March Event Status report – Tom Thornton**

**Action items and assignments:**

- Tom has ordered about 50 blanks of maple wood for the demonstration and classes.
- Friday night set up is filled
- Saturday morning volunteers are filled
- Clean up is filled
- James Plessner will run the video
- Melanie Mankamyer is handling the food
- Tom has a schematic to set up the tables
- Rick Anderson will give AAW another heads up to publish the event
- Rod will resend info to the club members with a poster attached
- Dave Pettenski will ask Rick Andersen to send invites to regional clubs
- Tom is lining up tools for the classes and demonstration that Nick Agar requested.

The Sunday class for bowl making has 6 people signed up at present

The Friday class for platters and porcelain rim will have at least 4 people signed up

The Saturday demo to date has 126 registered attendees.

**Open Club Positions**

- **Secretary** – We are still looking for a replacement for Gary, but Norman Lanford has agreed to step in as needed until a permanent secretary willingly takes this position.
- **Membership** – We are still looking for a replacement for Angela as she has taken over the Vice Presidents position.

**New Business:**

**Coordinator/Sponsor for 2020 Club Events (see attached lit)**

**Everett Children's museum top turning on April 18<sup>th</sup> – Tal Birdsong** will coordinate.

**April meeting – Rod Parker** will organize a mentor session.

**Mt Vernon Top Turning on July 13<sup>th</sup> – Tal Birdsong** volunteered to coordinate.

**Bellingham Top Turning on August 1<sup>st</sup> – Ray Shields** will coordinate.

**Holiday Dinner on November 19<sup>th</sup> – Melanie Mankamyer** will coordinate.

**Christmas Tree decoration at the Bellingham Senior Center – Gary Moore** will coordinate.

**Status of HDMI switching unit** – James Plesner said this has been taken care of.

**Support of STEM program with lathe use** – Rick Erb wanted to support this program again like

we did last year. Giovanni asked about liability issues. The Board felt this was covered.

A motion was made by Tal Birdsong to support the STEM program and was seconded by Angela Hills. The motion passed.

**Other new business** – Tal Birdsong handed out a sketch of a transparent safety shield to install on the club lathes using magnets. He was given enough Plexiglas to make the shields and the rest of the material would be reasonably inexpensive, around \$11 per unit.

A motion was made by Norman Lanford and seconded by Tom Thornton to have Tal make the shields to install on the club lathes. The motion passed.

Tal Birdsong is serving in one of our Member-at-Large positions, but because he is taking over the Library from Tom Thornton it was agreed that they would shift positions, where Tom would now be the Member-at-Large and Tal will be the Librarian.

There being no further new business, Ray Shields moved to adjourn the meeting and Tal Birdsong seconded the motion. It passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Moore, Secretary

## **Board Members**

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## **Board Members-at-large**

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