

NWW Board Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2020
Location: Online Zoom Meeting

Called to Order by President Rod Parker at 7:06 P.M.

Members Present: Rod Parker, Rick Terney, Norman Lanford, Ray Shields, Giovanni Monteferrante, Angela Hills, David Pettenski, Tal Birdsong, Sherri Greenleaf

Approval of Board Minutes: A motion was made by Ray Shields and seconded by Sherri Greenleaf to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2020 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Update on Saturday, July 18, 2020 Store and Wood Sale

Approximately 20 persons attended the sale held in the parking lot of the Hillcrest Park, all properly masked and observing proper social distancing.

The wood raffle generated \$165.00 in ticket sales, the tool sale generated \$256.00, and the store sales totaled \$543.00 for a total of \$964.00 gross from the event.

Committee Reports:

Treasury: The Treasurer did not attend the meeting, but the President reported that the club was financially sound and spending was minimal due to the lack of in person meetings and demonstrations.

Membership: Angela Hills reported that the membership currently stands at 178 paid members.

Librarian: Tal Birdsong reported that there were a number of items that had been checked out of the library and not returned for a significant period of time. He will review the records and generate a list of those items and attempt to contact the last persons who signed them out to determine their present status.

Club Store: Tom Thornton reported, in addition to the sales reported for the July 18th event, that he has an invoice for CA Glue purchase, and is awaiting an invoice for Hampshire Sheen products, each are approximately \$250. He will pay them as previously approved by the Board. He also mentioned that the Store has some items the use of which may be unfamiliar to the membership. He indicated that he would develop some educational material on those items that would introduce the items to the membership.

Club Meeting Presentations: David Pettenski reported that Martin Saban-Smith is on deck for August. (This will be a Saturday demonstration held in lieu of the annual picnic.) The September demonstrator will be Jay Shepard, on coloring and related topics. October will be Tom Willing from Portland, Oregon.

David is well into locating demonstrators for 2021, giving the board a good list of possible presenters. He is continuing to work with Nick Agar for the March demonstration.

There was a discussion of the number of club members participating in the Zoom meetings. The in-person meetings seem to attract, on average, about half of the paid membership. The Zoom meetings seem to be drawing about 50% of that number. There was a suggestion made to poll the membership to ascertain why a larger percentage of members do not attend the interactive meetings.

Newsletter: Ray Shields noted that the target submission time for the newsletter is 11:59 P.M., Sunday, July 26, 2020.

Old Business:

Upcoming Events: The Bellingham Senior Center has indicated they are planning to hold a virtual Christmas Tree auction and would like our participation again. The trees will be six to seven-foot artificial trees, so the club will need 50 to 100 ornaments.

New Business:

There was a discussion of the possible purchase of the book on Hawaiian calabash bowls for the library and the Board decided to delay a purchase while other acquisition avenues are explored.

Tom Thornton mentioned that the owner of the downed Chestnut tree now wishes it removed from his property. Tom and Rick Terney will visit the location to determine if it is something the club can use and explore any costs that may be involved and report back to the Board.

Tom also asked for and received some suggestions for future tool purchases for the tool raffles.

Rick Terney noted that it is time to begin planning for committees for the election of officers and for the Holiday Party, should it be held. Rod Parker indicated that he will explore options for a program in November.

There being no further business, Ray Shields moved to adjourn, seconded by Sherri Greenleaf. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Lanford, substitute secretary