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SCW Woodworking Club January General Meeting

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Sun City West Woodworking Club

General Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

President Ken Brydon led the Pledge of Allegiance. Former club presidents and new members were recognized.

Project Beautification: (Jim Booy) – Stone work will be done around the entrance to the building in the next few weeks. The cost is being covered by Long Realty. The interior vestibule will be painted and there will be intarsia artwork on the vestibule walls.

Treasurer: (Roger Lansberry) – The club has \$26,000 on hand of which \$11,000 is the reserve equipment fund. We have received about a third of the membership dues. Dues must be paid before February 1st. We have the permissions to put the receipt of credit cards on the website so that you will be able to pay dues with cards next year.

Tool Room: (Max Thompson) – There is a new smaller payment box mounted on the tool crib wall. Once again, please leave a note with broken power tools with your name and explanation of what is wrong with it. Troubleshooting is much easier if you tell us what happened. Among new tools, there is a heavy, durable rock crusher on the back shelf. The Guinevere sanding tool set is complete now with new sanding drums. Also, there is a digital gauge for setting table saw blade and router bit height. An inventory of what tools we have listed by shelf number is on the tool crib counter. Soon there will be an alphabetic list as well.

I.T.: (Peggy Sainato) – We have been working on taking the data from QuickBooks where all the financial data is and seamlessly moving it to the SQL data base where the membership data is so that they are in sync all the time. We are using a new email service. If you are not getting club emails lately, check your spam folder or junk mail folder for emails from the club. Mark the message as not being junk or spam to insure you get club mail in the future.

Special Projects: (Dave Hill) – The special projects group of Tim Flynn, Tom Wais, Dennis Koontz and I are keeping up with the work at this time.

Education and Training: (Dave French) – The safety committee is up and running. There is one class without a waiting list: Bob Simmon’s hand-tool class had only one person signed up at the time of the club meeting. New classes being offered for the first time include Lathe Class 4, which is for making a platter, and a dovetail joint class. This month Dave will try to get in three beginning lathe classes to shorten the waiting list. Suzanne Arnopolin has joined the education team. She will be doing the scheduling and posting of classes.

Social: (Sue Trevisan) – There will be a happy hour Thursday, January 11th from 4 to 7pm in the Kuentz courtyard. Future happy hours will be on the second Thursday of the month.

Maintenance: (Bill Riedel) – Bill thanked everyone who attended the impromptu demonstrations on the use of planers and how to clean the dust collectors of the table saws. There are plans to do more demonstrations in the future. If you have suggestions for topics, see Bill or any member of the maintenance crew. Band saw blades have been a problem. Keep the blade close the height of what you are cutting. If the blade extended too high, it can be bent. The new lathe had rust on it, enough to keep the tailstock from being moved. This is because of water in the air lines. So don’t use the air nozzles to blow the dust off the lathes. Use a brush. The air nozzles can be used for the area around the lathes. There will be a member of the maintenance crew who will take care of the lathes and make sure they are lubricated.

New Business:

Dave Boulet spends a lot of time working for the shop and helping other club members. The club board voted to exempt Dave from monitoring.

Ray Peterson reported on nominations for club officers. A sheet for posting nominations or self-nominations is posted on the bulletin board. Nominations close February 6th. The election of officers occurs at the March club meeting. The new officers will be sworn in on April 1st. There is no provision for absentee ballots. You must be present to vote.

Lockers are available. If you want a locker, make sure you have 6 credits before signing the waiting list. If you are on the list you must have 5 credits to get a locker. We need monitors.

There is some theft occurring from the finishing table behind the shop. A few months ago four cribbage boards (and a gps unit from someone’s vehicle) were stolen on the same day. Recently a tray was taken. Installation of a security was considered, but it would not necessarily stop theft and identifying a culprit might be a problem. President Ken wants to add a secured finishing area behind the shop approximately 32 ft. by 18 ft. Reg Trevisan is working on a drawing of the enclosure. The recreation center is gearing up to remodel the Kuentz Center. So any addition would have to fit in with the plan for remodeling. What we do has to be nice looking, not improvised. The area would be enclosed and roofed. A motion was made and passed to move forward with an enclosure plan.

Kudos to John Green and Dave Boulet for saving the club money. John has been cleaning the saw blades, so they don't need to be sharpened as often. Dave has been cleaning the sanding belts with oven cleaner to extend their usefulness.

Ken purchased a new pen lathe after checking the copy of the club bylaws that stated the president has the authority to spend \$1,000 without approval of the board. However, the copy of the bylaws in the library was an old copy and he did not have that authority. So he explained to the board what he had done and got permission for a \$1,000 purchase without their approval. The bylaws were changed three years ago when the start date moved from January to April. The amount the president can spend was made negotiable with the board and can be changed from year to year.

We are looking for a computer whiz. Contact Suzanne Arnopolin if you can help her with printing the monthly schedule from the website using Google Calendar.

A motion to explore the possibility of having an annual craft sale, apart from the craft fairs, was introduced and passed.

The shop is now open Wednesdays from 8am to 8pm.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.

Submitted by Dave Hill