

Sun City West Woodworking Club

General Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report: (Roger Lansberry) – At the end of November the club had about \$5,000 plus the equipment fund of about \$11,000. Dues are coming in. We should be in good shape for the rest of this year.

Project Beautification: (Jim Booy) – The beautification team will be attending the SCW board meeting in December. The plans include adding stone around the entrance and a new sign above the door. There will be intarsia in the vestibule. Don Schneider is donating a piece and the intarsia group is building a piece. They are considering painting the vestibule to make it more colorful. Deck plate has been added to the entry and exit doors.

Special Projects: (Dave Hill) – We are getting busy again. Tom Wais has volunteered and we are looking for another volunteer in anticipation of more work. [Note: We have another volunteer since the meeting.]

I.T.: (Peggy Sainato) – The new cards are working well. We are looking at ways to data in the background so that data needs to be entered once. Mail Chimp is what we are using for our bulk emails, but it is not working for members with AOL email accounts. We bought new software that allows us to do more with our email. When testing the program, it stopped working because of the Windows 10 firewall. Peggy was sending out a test email later that day to see if it was reaching all the members. Check your spam email folder if you did not get the test message from President Ken. Let Peggy know if you did not get the test email.

Education and Training: (Dave French) – Last month we did a total of eight classes. In December there will be eleven classes. When Dave took the job his goal was to have ten classes a month. In November education brought in over \$1,000. There are 12 people in the November orientation class. Classes for December include beginning lathe, lathe II, lathe IV, joinery, tools, ring bowls, routers and CNC software and CFC machine. There are two assistants for lathe classes and two more are needed. Also, we need an instructor for pen making. Contact Dave French if you would like to help. Bob Simmons will be teaching a table class using hand tools this winter.

Maintenance: (Bill Riedel) – Someone did some serious damage to one of the planers. Something other than wood was run through the smaller planer rolling the edges on the carbide cutters. This damage cost about \$500 to repair. If you have any doubts about how to use a machine, ask somebody. If you are doing something just to get it done, think about your fellow woodworkers when you are using the

machines. Someone did something wrong, screwed up a machine and walked away leaving it unusable. Another example: Abrasive on one of the drum sanders was destroyed a day and a half after it was installed. Freshly glued wood was run through several times destroying the abrasive. The user walked away leaving the lid closed. The maintenance crew is working constantly to keep this equipment working. Some of them don't even work on their own projects. If you see someone who doesn't know what they are doing, please intervene. If they give you a hard time find a club officer or one of the maintenance crew. The equipment belongs to all of us. Please treat it as you would your own tools. The table saws are getting plugged up and the blades are getting written up as dull. The blades aren't dull, they are dirty. There is a round plastic container of detergent at the shop sink. It takes just a few minutes to take off the blade and clean it with the wire brush in the container. Blow the blade dry with an air nozzle before installing it. If the saw is plugged with sawdust vacuum it. If you don't know how, ask someone. The maintenance crew has all they can do just to repair machines. Please do your part to keep the saws working.

Tool Room: (Max Thompson) – There is an inventory list in a notebook at the tool crib. New tools: a rock crusher for pulverizing turquoise and other minerals and an impulse sealer for plastic bags—ideal for packaging pens or other small projects.

New Business:

Jim Phillips is our new assistant treasurer.

Please stop dropping off your old cabinets to the back of the building. There might be a couple boards that are useful but most of them are junk. Please dispose of the at home.

The newest lathe is a new model. Three things to be aware of: on the back of it is a stop that screws in. Don't touch it. It is an index for putting flutes on a rail or table leg. It will stop the lathe from running when engaged and turning it when the lathe is running will damage the indexing. There is a twist lock for the main shaft. If it is locked you will get an error message when you turn on the lathe. Check the lock if you get an error. If the lathe starts slowing down, shut it off and check the forward/reverse switch. This lathe slows down before reversing.

Shortage of monitors is a chronic problem. So to put your name on the waiting list for lockers, you must have six credits. When a locker becomes available you must have five credits to get one. We will be checking.

Dave Dostal received a round of applause for the great job he did on the club picnic.

The kiddies will be in the shop Monday December 11th to get their toys.

The club will be open on Wednesday evening again from 4 to 8pm starting soon. The lumber room will be open one later time in the afternoon on Wednesdays

Starting in January, the club meeting will be the second Tuesday of the month at the RH Johnson Social Hall. Orientation classes will also be moved from the first week to the second week of the month.

Just a reminder: the carving group meets Thursdays from 6 to 8 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 1:43pm.

Submitted by Dave Hill