

Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

General Meeting with membership

Location: Bow Community Center

Date: 11/20/2021

Attendees: B.o.D - Jon Siegel, Bob Wyatt, Claude Dupuis, Dave Foote, Jim Forbes, , Jim Seroskie, Phil Glover, Mike DiMaggio, Tony Immorlica, Elliott Savitzky

Absent: Peter James

Membership: About 40 members in attendance

1. Presidents Greetings - Jon Siegel

- Membership growth
 - Membership now stands at 700 members
 - Growth is exceeding expectations
 - Welcomed new members in attendance
- GNHW COVID 19 Policy
 - All attendees are required to be vaccinated
 - All attendees of in-person meetings must wear a mask
 - Will return to in-person (live) meetings as soon as it is prudent

2. Recognition of Veterans - Gary Canning

- Tribute paid to all veterans in attendance
 - All veterans stood for recognition by attendees

3. Mentoring Program by Mike DiMaggio

- A mentoring program will be started
 - Will send out information to the membership seeking volunteers and ideas

4. Treasurers Report by Jim Forbes

- Review of General Fund financial standing at \$41,138 total

- GNHW is financially solvent
- Major expenditures for 2021 are new video equipment and the costs to produce the Journal
- Review of Grant Fund financial standing
- As a general comment, Sub-Groups need to spend/use their money
 - This money is for the benefit of the Sub-Group

5. Survey Results Summary by Jim Seroskie

- Summary of survey results high points
 - The top reasons for joining the Guild are Networking and Mentoring
 - The top favorite things about the are the Journal and weekly TouchUps
 - Area most in need of improvement is Mentoring

6. New Business, Membership Dues Increase by Jim Seroskie

- Dues have not been increased in the last twelve years (2009) and are not keeping up with operating costs.
- The main reasons for increasing dues are:
 - Inflation has increased 27% since 2009
 - Cost to produce the Journal
 - This the largest single cost for the Guild
 - The Journal now consists of the main issue which is 88 pages and the newly added second Journal issue which is 40 pages. This brings the total page count to 128 pages.
 - The cost per member for the Journal is about \$43
 - *The Journal is the hallmark of the GNHW*
 - Total costs for this year, including the new video equipment, is approximately \$49 per member
- The proposed dues increase is:
 - 25% increase for a one-year membership from \$40 to \$50 per year
 - 27% increase for a two-year membership from \$75 to \$95 per year
- MOTION to approve dues increase made by Mike Martenay
 - SECONED by Mike DiMaggio
- Vote taken

- All except one member in attendance voted to accept dues increase

- **MOTION PASSED**

Meeting adjourned at 12:15PM

Next B.O.D. meeting is 12/01/21 @ 6:30PM