

Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Date: 12/01/2021, 6:30PM

Attendees: Bob Wyatt, Claude Dupuis, Dave Foote, Jim Forbes, Jon Siegel, Jim Seroskie, Mike DiMaggio, Peter James, Elliott Savitzky, Gary Canning

Absent: Phil Glover, Tony Immorlica

1. Presidents Message - Jon Siegel

- COVID 19
 - The Omicron effect on future Guild activities is unknown at this time. We may have to revert to no in-person meetings. If meetings are to held masks and full vaccination, this means booster, will be required.
 - Full vaccination will need to be defined as to mean having a booster.
 - Definition for J & J vaccine to be determined.
 - Meetings may need to have a “mask enforcer” to remind people to keep their masks on.
- Subgroups
 - A meeting is needed with the subgroup leaders to review the COVID policy and new Grant policy. This meeting will best be held via Zoom.
 - Subgroup leaders need to know about the COVID policy and new funding policy.
 - The Hand tool and Carving subgroup has come apart. It may be best to create two separate groups. Jon has talked to Laurie Farrell a carving subgroup leader.
 - To re-start the Hand tools group, individuals need to identified who may be candidates as Hand Tool subgroup leaders.
 - Bob and Mike will create a list of possible leaders.
 - Bob will contact Dave Andersen about leading a group.
- Small Groups coordinator
 - Since Steve Costain has left the steering committee a replacement needs to be found. Bob Couch and Dave Andersen are possible candidates.
- TouchUps new member list
 - There are three women on the list. This brings up the need to attract more women and younger members to the Guild.
- Guild Store

- Bob Wyatt is trying to find woman's clothes to the Guild Store

2. Secretary Report by Philip Glover

- None, Phil Glover is absent

3. Treasurers Report by Jim Forbes

- Financial documents were emailed to the B.O.D. prior to this meeting by Jim Forbes
- Discussion of Grant Fund (\$25K Legacy Gift) provenance. The Board needs to decide the direction of the fund use for the future.
- The school grant funds were not spent this year because there was no Sunapee Fair.
- Dave F. will contact the Sunapee Fair organizer about 2022 plans

4. Membership Report by Jim Seroskie

- Membership report was emailed to the B.O.D. prior to this meeting by Jim S.
 - 707 members now
 - 22 new members since last month
 - 8 of 10 members live in NH

5. Membership Survey by Jim Seroskie

- Survey results emailed to distribution
- Mentoring was the most significant survey item.
- The Guild needs to attract new and younger members and re-activate the subgroups were also significant results.
- Some people seem to confuse the Guild with a woodworking school.

6. Mentoring by Mike DiMaggio

- Mentoring needs to be personal in nature.
- A list of mentors needs to be created and given to Mike D.
- Board members should contact Guild members with known expertise that can be mentors.
- Subgroup leaders can also identify potential mentors.
- The potential mentors should be personally contacted to better engage them.

7. MakerSpace Collaboration by Jon Siegel

- The Board can create a delegation to meet with MakerSpaces about how the Guild can work with and help them.
- Formal meetings should be set up between the Delegation and the MakerSpaces.

8. YouTube and Journal Update by Jim Seroskie

- Second Journal is out. The next Journal will be out next spring.
- YouTube subscriptions are now 428
- Ads have started to show up in the videos. Will try to find a way to stop them, however, it may not be possible to completely eliminate them.
- There is now a video link to Tom McLaughlin's demonstration. The video does need some editing.
- The first deposits from Spotify and Amazon Smile have been received.

9. Future Fund Raising by Mike D.

- A plan is needed for how to raise money in the future if Sunapee can no longer be relied on to generate funds
- Possibilities are events at Sanborn Farms, Manchester Home Show, Market Days, craft fairs, state fairs, and selling Guild items on eBay and Etsy. Additional ideas are welcome.
- Bob W. and Dave F. will contact the Sunapee organizer about their 2022 plans.

10. Closing Comments - Jon S.

- The General Meeting auction was a success
- 71 lots were sold

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Next B.O.D. meeting is 12/29/21 @ 6:30PM

