

Guild of NH Woodworkers Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Date: 4/27/22, 6:30PM

Attendees: Jon Siegel, Mike DiMaggio, Jim Forbes, Peter James, Claude Dupuis, Elliot Savitzky, Gary Canning, Bob Wyatt, Tony Immorlica, Stan Paras, Jim Seroskie

1. March Minutes

- Minutes previously distributed & comments shared via email. Correction suggested by Jon Siegel for Item 7 regarding Covid message incorporated. Claude Dupuis moved to accept minutes as corrected. Jim Forbes seconded. Approved unanimously.

2. Jim Forbes: Treasurer's Report

- Current Balances
 - General Fund: \$14,573
 - Grant Program \$27,523
 - Uncleared Checks -\$880
 - Net All Accounts \$45,303
- Although the report was moved to accept, seconded and voted, this was found to be unnecessary per BOD Meetings Rules of Order policy.
- Subject of \$25K portion of Grant Fund came up
 - Committee formed previous month has not met.
 - Treasurer to put this money into a separate line item within the Grant Program to be named the "Avrum Silverman Fund"

3. Jon Siegel: Covid Policy Review

- Conclusion—For one more month...
 - No change in policy at this time
 - Policy needs to be followed until the policy is changed as appeared in TouchUps and meeting calendar registrations
 - Vaccinated and masks required
 - Should not vary by subgroup

4. Jim Seroskie: Membership Report

- Membership
 - 718 members as of 4/26/22
- Journal
 - 88 pages
 - Printed and delivered to PO 4/25 or 4/26.
 - New printer (HP12000) can use double sheet size which should reduce our cost per page
- Website
 - Showed use of mega menus as navigation technique
 - Show planned donation approach using PayPal with credit/debit card option
 - Treasurer to generate IRS approved donation letter for donations of \$50 or more

5. Elliot Savitzky: Finding New Revenue Sources

- Exhibitions, advertise in Journal, symposia (is there still an appetite for this?)
- Should we form a committee to explore how we could do these things?
- Send out surveys to gauge interest?
- Hands on formats?

6. Tony Immorlica: Programs/General Meetings

- Spring meeting
 - May 14
 - Thetford Academy
 - Chris Schmidt—CNC & laser engraving
 - Live Zoom event at his place
- Summer trip
 - Mid July
 - Have 20 tickets to Sturbridge Village
 - Group rate \$20/each min 15 people
 - Bus trip—Ticket Tailor (our calendar) can accept fees for tickets
 - Tony to get/send more details with decision next meeting
- Annual meeting in September
 - Sept 24 in-person
 - Dale Bergdahl University of VT Pathologist – Wood topics
- Another general meeting in the fall (November)
 - Nov 19 or Dec 3
 - Bob Schwinger—wildlife carving

7. Mike DiMaggio: Sunapee Update

- Collecting additional ways to make money
 - Email any ideas to Bob W or Mike D
 - Next committee meeting 1st or 2nd week in May

8. Mike DiMaggio/Bob Wyatt: Old Building & Trade Show

- Four demonstrators
- Setup at 9am
- Booth open 10am to 5pm

9. Claude Dupuis: Market Days

- June 23-25
- We will contribute \$175 toward the booth (discount from \$325—tacking onto makerspace booth)
 - Motion to allocate \$175 for the booth—Motion Bob Wyatt, second Mike DiMaggio, passed unanimously
- Activate SignUp Genius first week in May (\$12/month)

10. Mike DiMaggio: Mentor Program

- Mike developed email to be sent to membership looking for mentors
 - Subsequently decided to use our survey tool to mechanize responses

11. Jon Siegel: Furniture Masters Event Sept 17

- Number of smaller events is increasing
 - Do we need a board member to oversee these smaller events?
 - Should we increase our board size to 15 with one taking on this role

12. Jon Siegel: New Makerspace in Franklin

- Anne Lund contact Jon about formation of new makerspace in Franklin
 - Organizational meeting May 5
 - This will be 11th makerspace in NH
 - Real potential for collaboration between makerspaces and Guild

13. Mike DiMaggio: New Woodcarving Subgroup

- Laurie Farrell agreed to lead group
 - Laurie also officer in NE Woodcarvers
 - Kickoff/orientation meeting in next week or two
 - Point made that bylaw change would be required to increase board size
- Gary offered his shop for carving meetings