

Steering Committee Minutes
January, 23, 2008

Treasurer's Report (Peter James):

- Some concerns about website fees and collections from book sales.
- Paid out \$1,100.00 for scholarships.
- Nearly \$40,000.00 in bank.
- We are able to function on income additional to member fees (which mostly go towards The Old Saw): Money Market \$600-700, Auction \$2,700...

Old Saw Report (Jim Seroskie):

- Current issue is 40 pages with good content.
- Next two issues will be 32 pages

Program Report (Sal Morgani):

- some talk about the option of meeting at Shelburn Farm—chairmaker
- suggestion of a Forester lecture/tour
- next meeting at Sylvania in Danvers, about shop lighting
- Discussion about audio/visual
 - ~New equipment? If so, what? And how much?
 - ~Suggestion- explore option of farming out the taping of demonstrations and meetings. Most members believe it to be too expensive
 - ~Ask Jim Pitrone to chair A/V committee
 - ~Divide jobs associated with making DVDs
 - ~Sal will sit in on initial meetings

Finishing Symposium (Peter Breu):

- April 19th
- 6 committed presenters, hopes of having 10
- Gary Wood-Shellac, Jim Morris of Spruce Creek-spraying waterborn finishes, Tom McLaughlin-varnish, Terry Moore-Spray lacquer, Marty Milkovits-prefinish prep, Bruce Hamilton-repairing finishes
- There will be 5 stations 4 times, each presenter will present twice, people will be able to choose 4 presentations
- talk about arranging differently, so people will be able to see more than 4 presentations
- talk about contacting other guilds.

Announcements:

- Grube Fund will be awarded at Homestead School during Feb. meeting
- John Fiaro and Mike Noel will be the new Period Furniture Coordinators

Minimal discussion of By-law change, due to time. Future discussion on special interest groups relationship to the Guild necessary.

Guild Logo:

- consensus that it does not need to be altered

Guild Website discussion (Jim Seroskie):

- Discussion about membership dues and donations collected online
- Members only database, Opt-in or Opt-out. Jim believes it must be Opt-in
- Members joining late pay \$30 dues for 1-3 months of membership.
- Decided to change cut off to April 10th.
- Classified posted online as well as in The Old Saw. Voted and approved. Member Only can post.
- Items for sale: talk of selling professional woodworking DVDs to members for a discounted price. No real consensus.
- discussion on photo gallery setup and up keep. Will it contain audio and video? John Whiteside and Roger Myers will assist.
- Complaints about the slow server. Suggestion to switch to GoDaddy or other...
- site should include an area to publish SC meeting minutes and the Treasurers report for transparency
- also an area for links to other relevant sites