

Steering Committee meeting Minutes

3-18-09

The vote for the approval of the minutes was delayed because the minutes were not published as of the meeting date.

Peter James gave a detailed budget report 9/1/08 – 3/18/09 concluding that the guild is solvent. See cash flow report below.

9/1/2008-

Category Description 4/26/2009

INFLOWS

Uncategorized 0.00
Book Sales 2,301.44
Clothing Sales
 Clothing Postage 9.65
 Clothing Sales 1,700.00
 TOTAL Clothing Sales 1,709.65
Donations & Grants 3,000.00
Dues 9,605.00
Education Income
 Scholarship Donations 30.00
 TOTAL Education Income 30.00
Misc Income 1,809.15
Money Market Interest 241.17
Turning Symposium Income 14,640.00
Video Sales
 DVD Sales 245.00
 TOTAL Video Sales 245.00
TOTAL INFLOWS 33,581.41

OUTFLOWS

Bank Charge 0.00
Book Purchases 2,478.97
Clothing Expense
 Clothing Purchase 2,183.20
 TOTAL Clothing Expense 2,183.20
Education
 Grant 1,100.00
 Scholarships 1,580.50

Cash Flow

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9/1/2008-

Category Description 4/26/2009

TOTAL Education 2,680.50

Insurance 510.00

Internet Expense 30.00

Meeting Expenses 133.15

Membership Expense

Membership Expense-Misc. 29.94

Membership Postage 328.16

TOTAL Membership Expense 358.10

Misc Expense 234.95

Postage 39.65

Publications

Journal Printing 5,038.00

Journal Mailing 843.02

Journal Misc 113.97

Old Saw Misc Production Costs 314.22

Old Saw Postage 1,774.15

Old Saw Printing 5,983.15

TOTAL Publications 14,066.51

Turning Symposium 988.48

Video

Video Supplies 927.00

TOTAL Video 927.00

TOTAL OUTFLOWS 24,630.51

OVERALL TOTAL 8,950.90

Cash Flow

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A few budget highlights are the turning symposium has collected \$9900.00 in entry fees.

There has been a net loss on shirts and the Journal expense was \$5940.37. A Youth Grant of \$1100.00 was issued for the symposium.

A short discussion on the poor turn out for the small meetings was inconclusive.

The February meeting was highly successful.

Scott Ruesswick will host the meeting in Canterbury. The Luthers will present in the morning followed by lunch and a business meeting and Silas Kopf will be the afternoon guest speaker.

The April meeting requires a PC Projector and Dave Frechette volunteered to purchase this item.

A brief discussion was held on the whereabouts of the PA system no results at this time.

Peter Block will produce the video for the April meeting.

A suggestion to have an aerial view camera was made.

The summer trip in June will be to Pompano sic Mills were they would present a short program and then a quick stop to Garret Hacks Shop. Dave Frachette suggested a cookout at Garret's shop.

Al Hansen is the Sunapee coordinator. He has made contact with the League. A check for \$1000.00 will be given to the League and will be drawn from the Educational Fund.

The Turning Symposium is under control. Peter Breu is wrapping up the loose ends.

Jon Siegel says there is no equipment coordinator. Suggested to survey the group and find equipment manager.

No bills for the symposium have come in to date. Nothing has been paid out to date.

Jon s. also wanted to know if anybody has ordered lathes. No one knew. It was commented what a fantastic job had been done recruiting demonstrators.

A scholarship of \$1100.00 was given to Masscoma High School to help set up a turning program there. The award is to match a grant given by the AAW.

The Old Saw needs an editor. Dave Frechette wants the next issue to go out in B & W, no frills to every member. He would like to see a web version as well.

Jim Seroskie suggested a small format version for the web.

Dave Frechette suggested the Old Saw be printed in even numbered pages 4 @ .44 mail and .05/page. Keep the ads in and the for sale out. Put the for sales on the web.

Dave Frechette would like Jim Seroskie to go over the web site at the April meeting.

The Journal needs to have its bulk mail form filled out. Dave Frechette to do this.

The 1st issue of the Journal was well received.

The S.C. picked 8 advertisers to be cut from the mailing list to reduce cost.

A few web site issues were discussed. Jim S. gave a brief list of options regarding web navigation. An accordion style menu or an all visible all the time menu, noting that it was large and would detract from the web page. He also brief us on a blogging program called wordpress .com and remarked that it was easy to use and set up. He proposes to post a few items and see how it works. The S.C. agreed to try with a moderator.

A discussion of Sub Group policy brought up the idea that groups could choose whether they were open to all or closed to specific members. Jon S. disagrees with the idea that groups should be limited.

Who can sell on the web site was questioned. It was decided that Guild members and Guild member referrals would be acceptable and Peter James will filter the for sale section.

A discussion on the treatment of guild members by other members was brought up. Ray Atwood's mistreatment in regards to indexing prior issues of the Old Saw and an incident with Bob Deangelis. The S.C. regarded it as a "Stay off of my turf" issue. We should be aware of it because it will most likely happen again.

A nominating committee was appointed. Dave Frachette, Dave Anderson and Bob LaCivita will be the committee Mike Cyros was suggested and need to be asked.

Next meeting May 6, 2009