

Steering Committee Meeting
June 24, 2009

Treasurer's Report- A number of scholarships have gone out. 2 grants, \$3,100, and 3 scholarships, \$2,380, this year.

Schedule SC meetings for 2010- 4th Wednesday of every month. Decided by SC.

Symposium- Budget handed out to SC members laying out finances. Guild makes \$11,694.94. Youth over 200 student. A great success. \$1,500 donation helped pay for demonstrators. Helped pay for busses. Will need to make up for donation in the future. Some home schooled students attended.

Food line was long. Not enough help to video tape demonstrations. Smaller trade show. Going to send questionnaire to demonstrators. In future need to reach out to homeschoolers. Need to be sure not to go over capacity with students.

\$1,000.00 Donation to Furniture Masters- need to discuss next January before they ask. Terry Moore will lead a tour for the Guild.

Summer Trip- 24 people at the tour. Some went on to visit Garrett Hack's shop. Warm reception. Excellent teacher as always.

Annual Meeting- arrangements will be done for next meeting.

Sunapee- 9 days of presenters. Schedule passed around to SC. Will begin to collect raffle items and equipment for demo's. 21 items donated. Working out arrangement for a truck and trailer. July 18th deadline for badges.

Motion- To donate prize for Best in Wood award at Sunapee from general fund. Accepted unanimously.

The Old Saw- sent out. Went smoothly. Missed a meeting announcement. Will mail Sept. issue then move on to opt-in mailings only. Members without email will automatically receive a paper copy. \$1 each to print and mail 8 pages. \$5 per member.

Touch-ups- could improve on a text only email. Then could make things stand out. Suggestion to put the calendar and the end. Need to keep it short with important information. Trouble for dial up internet. Should not make any changes now.

Sub-group Committee- Jon Siegel is head. Has contacted other SG leaders. ? about the Guild's insurance coverage. Jon will look into it. Member's doing work are not covered. What about non-members being hurt?

Motion- To appoint Greg Benulis VP to fill the vacant position. Accepted unanimously.

Claude has volunteered to be Secretary next year.

Membership Cards- Jim gives SC handout. Guild paid \$2,004 for 2,750 cards in 2004. Poor Quality. Gives information about a printer set up to print our own. \$1,400 for printer \$1,100 for cards. Downside of having to label and mail to members. Would be manageable with a generic letter. 2004 prices might have gone up. Next time the cost to print will be ½ since we own the printer. Allow time before vote to research printing costs.

Journal- Timeliness of mailing seems to be good. 3 out of 24 at summer trip had not received. For a few cents more they will return if not delivered. Jim is tracing lists to find out why. No resolution yet.

Website- Jim gives large handout to SC. Looking into Membership database management. Recent requests for interactive blogs, upload images, audio... Period Furniture started own yahoo member site to accomplish similar interactive site. Of the services wild Apricot is the best fit. BBB A+ rating, reasonable rate, good tech support. Interactive Power services is a separate service that helps create a better peer-to peer ecosystem, while Wild Apricot is a Data base Management Service. Guild would be taking on start up and annual fees to improve the web site.

Discussion- Right now all the work of the Guild website management is done by DJ. These services allow the work load to be shared and the Guild to have back-ups and control over the site. Tech talk about the overlap of the two services and set up.

Motion- To test Wild Apricot for 6 months. Accepted unanimously.

Thank you letter for financial help bussing students to the symposium. Good use of money. Many Schools do not have funds for those sorts of things.