

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 5/24/2017 at 6:00 PM

Recorded by Alan Saffron, Secretary

Location: Bow Baker Free Library, 509 South Street, Bow, NH

Attendees

Alan Saffron Jim Forbes Peter James Michael Moore Robert Wyatt
Bob Couch Claude Dupuis Mike DiMaggio Tony Immorlica Steve Costain

Secretary's Report

Noting the erroneous date given for the summer trip in April's minutes, Tony Immorlica made the motion to accept the secretary's report with the correction. Robert Wyatt seconded, and the motion passed.

On May 31 Mike DiMaggio reported the death of Jon Siegel's wife, Patrice. On June 13th Peter James followed up with an update regarding Jon's well being.

On June 6 Mike DiMaggio emailed the SC reporting receipt of the NH Furniture Masters annual fundraising to support their education program. Mike suggested giving the Furniture Masters \$1000, as was done last year and asked for a vote. The vote was unanimous in agreement. Jim Forbes confirmed the donation was made from the grants fund.

On June 15th, Jim Seroskie circulated and asked for feedback on a sample thank you letter and donation receipt form. Comments were positive.

On June 20th Mike DiMaggio emailed the SC to propose supporting the LNHC's woodworking competition/exhibit at the Sunapee Fair; \$300 for Best in Wood and \$300 for Best Turned Piece. The SC agreed.

On June 22nd Robert Wyatt reported arranging our meeting location with the Concordia Lutheran Church. He suggested the SC discuss quarterly donations in appreciation and support of the church.

Guild in Schools program

Mike DiMaggio reported receiving a letter from Jack Grube inquiring as to the Guild's lack of action regarding the program. Reiterating that the program should not depend on Jon Siegel, and that our insurance situation is no longer an issue, Mike asked for a plan of action. Given his experience with school systems as a teacher, it was agreed to ask Dave Foote to take over as coordinator of the program.

Shaker Village Wood Days

Mike DiMaggio voiced concern that the membership has shown no interest in participating as demonstrators at the Shaker Village program. Discussion included the Guild's desire to support the Village, questions including admission fees and commissions, and the challenges of recruiting members active in demonstrating.

Nick Starr Tour

The Guild has been invited for a private tour of Mr. Nick Starr's extensive antique tool collection. Mike DiMaggio will coordinate it.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Forbes distributed the monthly Treasurer's Report as of May 23 MTD noting the balances do not reflect approximately \$5550 in unpaid commitments. Jim's reformatted report shows budgeted general fund expenses can not be supported by the general fund's major source of income, dues. The general fund's biggest expenses are The Journal and the website. Jim believes that even after the web site costs level out, dues income will be strained and suggested a dues increase may be in order. It was agreed that the suggestion of an increase be brought up at the Annual Meeting, given that the website development has been completed. Peter James made a motion to accept the

treasurer's report. Michael Moore seconded, and the motion was passed.

As of May 23, 2017

General Fund	\$9,379
Grants Funds	
Unallocated	\$5,257
Subgroups	\$4,011
App Grants	\$571
<u>Guild programs</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total Grants	\$11,839
Total Guild	\$21,218

Programs

Tony Immorlica reported recruiting three demonstrators plus Tom McLaughlin for Guild Day at WoodCraft. He has finalized arrangements for the summer trip to be held on June 24 at Sanborn Mills Farm in Loudon, NH. The Annual Meeting will be held September 23rd at the Regional Technical Education Center in Bow. Tool maker Lie-Nielsen Toolworks will provide the featured speaker. Elections will be held as well as a 50-50 fundraiser.

Clothing

It was announced that Dick Davis will no longer be able to continue selling the Guild clothing; a replacement must be found..

SC Meeting Venue

As Bob Couch will not be attending during the summer months, the Bow Library will not be available. Hearing of its support for local organizations, Peter James and Robert Wyatt will contact the Concordia Lutheran Church for a potential meeting location. Mike DiMaggio volunteered his home in Canterbury if need be.

Sunapee Fair

Michael Moore distributed test examples of an organizational app called Sign Up Genius. Jim Seroskie, enlisted to help evaluate the service, thought it okay to use. Michael will be able to sign up and schedule volunteers using the site. He is starting to form and organize his committee for this year's fair.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25.