

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 10/25/2017 at 6:00 PM

Recorded by Alan Saffron, Secretary

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church

Attendees

Alan Saffron Jim Forbes Peter James Michael Moore Jim Seroskie
Steve Costain Dave Foote Mike DiMaggio Tony Immorlica Claude Dupuis

President's Report

Dave Foote opened the meeting asking for discussion and consensus on several points of business:

1. Noting the holidays, he suggested moving the November SC meeting from the 22nd to the 15th and the December SC meeting from the 27th to the 20th. There were no objections.
2. Dave asked for concerns or objections to sending the SC minutes to the subgroup leads to keep them informed and included; there were no objections.
3. Citing the importance of Mike DiMaggio's work in developing opportunities for the Guild in the community, Dave suggested formalizing a position on the SC reflecting that work as Coordinator of Special Programs. And citing his enthusiasm, officially appointed Mike to that position.
4. Noting the need of time management for SC planning, Dave reviewed his draft Agenda Budget emailed earlier, listing the general agenda of SC meetings, a listing of activities and issues needing SC attention by month needed for planning, as well as a partial list of additional topics needing discussion and work. It was well received, with corrections and additions suggested.
5. Dave introduced the idea of establishing a central Guild database which could save and make available across the SC various data, knowledge and information SC members create individually. Discussion will continue at future meetings.

Secretary's Report

Alan Saffron reported distributing the September SC minutes as well as minutes of the annual meeting business session. Corrections were noted for both documents which will be made and redistributed. Michael Moore made a motion to accept the September SC meeting minutes corrected as noted. The motion was seconded by Steve Costain, and passed. Mike DiMaggio made a motion to accept the annual meeting business session minutes corrected as noted. The motion was seconded by Jim Forbes, and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Forbes distributed the monthly Treasurer's Report as of October 24 MTD. Jim reported no unusual or significant activity occurred during the month

Peter James reported selling a donated planer for \$600. The money will be posted to the general fund.

Balances as of October 24, 2017

General Fund	\$14,980
Grants Funds	
Unallocated	\$19,121
Subgroups	\$5,669
App Grants	(\$3,529)
Guild programs	<u>\$0</u>
Total Guild	\$36,241

Online Apparel Sales

Michael Moore reported taking over this project from Jim Seroskie allowing Jim to concentrate on his many other projects. Michael distributed a sheet explaining the site, its process, an in-person sales process, pricing, shipping, and sample pages. He explained the Guild's website will link to the Square Store service, which will handle the

transactions, notifications, and track inventory. Shipping charges were discussed at length, resulting in the use of a \$9.00 flat fee using the USPS. A returns policy was also reviewed. The Square Store will go live with edits and be tested before it is made public to the membership.

Grants

Dave Foote presented three grant requests to the SC:

1. Paul Sherwood of Keene Middle School requested \$2118 for a SawStop contractors saw and accessories. A motion to approve the grant was made by Peter James, seconded by Steve Costain, and passed.
2. PHil Carle of Merrimack High School requested \$500 for the balance needed to purchase a Powermatic lathe. A motion to approve the grant was made by Michael Moore, seconded by Mike DiMaggio, and passed.
3. PHil Carle of Merrimack High School requested \$1015 for lathe accessories. A motion to approve the grant was made by Peter James, seconded by Michael Moore, and passed.

Programs

Tony Immorlica reviewed the arrangements for the November general meeting which will be held on the 18th at Scott Ruesswick's shop in Canterbury. The morning session will be a 'What's in Your Shop' discussion on concoctions and the afternoon will have Albert Ouellette and Bruce Wedlock give a presentation on grain fillers

Tony is still working on the February meeting. He is considering a presentation by a photographer/woodworker who made his own precision view camera from wood. The SC contributed thoughts and ideas on additional presenters. Peter James will use the new video tech acquired to record the feature presentation.

Bruce Wedlock will be recognized by the Guild for his many contributions and be presented with a plaque.

Turning Symposium

Claude Dupuis distributed a list of turning presenters and the status of their participation. He has 23 turners committed to participate; enough, Claude added, to cover all the planned rotations (28). Discussion questioning following the same format using 7 rooms with 4 rotations of an hour and a half each ensued. Issues including no time between rotations, limited presentation time of an hour and a half, pre registrations for sessions, and time to check out vendors were voiced. In general Claude felt the existing format had issues, but is the better option. Tony Immorlica made a motion to continue with the status quo which Jim Forbes than seconded. Discussion continued with no vote, however the SC did decide to go forward with the symposium.

Claude reviewed his arrangements for youth day and the youth competition. He has four of five schools arranged for youth day and assured the SC that the competition is being coordinated.

Small Meetings

Steve Costain reported no issues with the October Small Meetings; all seemed to go well. He spoke of his effort to obtain feedback by sending out emails to participants, and is currently working on the March meetings, of which he hopes to have ten planned.

Website/The Journal

Jim Seroskie noted that his subscription to Adobe Creative Suite 6 is almost up. He will move to Adobe Creative Cloud at a cost of \$300, an expense he has budgeted.

The winter issue of The Journal will go to press Monday, October 30th.

Membership

Jim Seroskie reported membership at 541, 162 of which are two year memberahips. Jim sees new members as well as renewals trending toward two year memberships. Jim Forbes questioned the year to year balance of two year memberships, expressing his concern that dues income may vary greatly some years from that anticipated. Jim Seroskie believes the year to year renewals are relatively even.

Guild Initiated Programs

Jim Seroskie spoke of his recent interest in the "Girls at Work" program. He reviewed the Guild's first encounter with the organization, run by Guild member Elaine Hammel. At that time the SC felt that the organization was more of a

child welfare organization that taught carpentry type woodworking as a vehicle to help disadvantaged girls. He reported that the Girls at Work Inc. organization still works with disadvantaged girls, but has evolved and teaches real woodworking to girls and women, and now may be an organization the Guild should support with time, resources, and expertise. Both he and Steve Costain will contact Elaine to learn more.

Special Programs

Mike DiMaggio reported that Colin Cabot, CEO of Sanborn Farms is very keen on working with the Guild to develop a woodworking education program at Sanborn Farms, including study in antique tools.

Mike also suggested some future event with Nat Robinson, the engineer and woodturner that gave the successful small meeting on his Alaskan Sawmill. Mike emphasized Nat's generosity with the Guild members that attended the meeting.

Mike is also talking to Gary Klajian regarding a blacksmithing event.

He also reported that Nick Starr will host another tour of his antique tool collection for those on the SC that could not make the October 15 tour.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59.