

# The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

## Steering Committee Minutes

**Date:** 11/15/2017 at 6:00 PM

**Recorded by** Alan Saffron, Secretary

**Location:** Baker Free Library, Bow, NH

### Attendees

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

### President's Report

1. Dave noted receiving thank you letters from Phil Carle of Merrimack High School and Paul Sherwood of Keene Middle School expressing appreciation for the grants they received.
2. He also received an inquiry from a private instrument company regarding website advertising and membership list access. He will reply accordingly.
3. The December 20th date was confirmed for the next SC meeting.
4. The November general meeting agenda was confirmed with Tony Immorlica. Dave then noted the little activity regarding the mentor program. Mike DiMaggio will present it and ask for volunteers at the general meeting.

### Secretary's Report

Dave Foote asked that the October minutes reflect the SC's intention to move \$7000 from Unallocated Grants to Guild Programs. Alan Saffron will add the notation. Tony Immorlica made a motion to accept the October SC meeting minutes as corrected. Seconded by Peter James, the motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

Jim Forbes distributed the monthly Treasurer's Report as of November 13 MTD. Jim noted the payment of \$1515 as the only significant activity that occurred during the month.

Jim noted that he would begin sending out his spreadsheets prior to the meetings by email which would give the SC more time to review the finances, as well as be more convenient for all.

Balances as of November 13, 2017

General Fund	\$6,662
Grants Funds	
Unallocated	\$22,121
Subgroups	\$5,669
App Grants	\$1,956
<u>Guild programs</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Guild	\$36,408

### Online Apparel Sales

Michael Moore reported on his work on the Square Store website. He noted that Jim Seroskie worked up a template for the store front and that some information, such as shipping charges will need to be on the Guild's website apparel page.

### Girls at Work

Steve Costain reported that he and Jim Seroskie met with Mel Gosselin and Elaine Hammel. He noted the organization's demographics as mainly young girls with programs for women being developed. They teach basic woodworking with plans to develop higher skilled programs, and that the organization is sophisticated, growing, and has many supporters and sponsors.

He explained that the Girls at Work organization is interested in forming a relationship with the Guild as a resource. They would like Guild experience with equipment and tools, skills development for their leaders, and volunteers for

special projects. Recalling earlier SC concerns regarding support for them, Steve, noting the Guild's mission, argued for supporting the organization; they involve young people in woodworking, some of whom will continue on to be woodworkers at higher levels. The Guild will have more of an advisory role, rather than as a source for fundraising. To do this, Steve and Jim suggest setting up the organization as a Guild Directed Program, with a dedicated coordinator and budget.

It was suggested to involve Sue Ratnoff, a Guild member thought to be an appropriate addition to the discussion. She will be asked to attend next month's SC meeting.

### **Turning Symposium**

Claude Dupuis reported having a good meeting with Jennifer Haskins, the new headmaster at Pinkerton Academy. Arrangements are being made for seven rooms and meals. The school's computer network and other IT issues were discussed and are concerns to be worked on. Gary Canning will be attending the December SC meeting and can discuss videoing demonstrations.

### **Honorary Memberships**

Dave Foote reviewed current Guild policy as being set up for those making significant contributions to the Guild. He suggested changing the current five year term to one year as a way to show appreciation to more people. Discussion included alternatives with emphasis on coffee mugs. Consensus was that both were possible. All those receiving an honor would require SC approval.

### **Video Equipment**

Currently the Guild has many hours of taped but not yet published presentations and demonstrations requiring the use of a time consuming editing process. The Guild has acquired a new video system simplifying the recording process and reducing editing time dramatically. Gary Canning is attending the December meeting to discuss the Guild's needs, including training, editing, and capacity.

The turning symposium will require seven systems if all presentations are recorded. The Guild has one and can borrow two more, requiring the purchase of four more at a cost total cost of \$2000. Discussion will be continued.

### **Grants**

Bob Couch told of his volunteer efforts at the school on the Canadian island where he summers. The school has had to drastically cut "shop" program budgets. The woodworking shop has two lathes needing repair leaving teacher Andrew Jones little to teach with. Bob is proposing the Guild work up a grant to present to the school. It would include costs to repair the lathes, and purchase one new lathe, a sharpening system, and tools. It would also need to include volunteer technical expertise. It was agreed that this grant did fit our mission and was worth pursuing. Bob Couch volunteered his home and transportation, but does not have the technical expertise needed. Steve Costain, having a great deal of technical expertise, expressed immediate interest. Bob and Steve will work on costs and the writing of a grant request.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55.