

GUILD OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WOODWORKERS

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 12/19/2018 by Curt Willard, Secretary

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, Concord NH

Meeting to order at 5:58 PM by Dave Foote, President

Attendees

Dave Foote / Claude Dupuis / Tony Immorlica / Annamarie Pennucci / Steve Costain / Jon Siegel / Jim Forbes / Bob Wyatt / Curt Willard

President's Report / Dave Foote

- Mike Guerette (new member from Manchester) has marketing experience and is willing to help with our Public Relations initiative. Bill Taylor's wife also has marketing and website experience and is willing to advise. Priority is to get press releases out to newspapers.
- Podium made for Sunapee and no longer needed (now in Dave's garage) is available for donation to worthy/needy organization.

Minutes / Curt Willard

- Bob commented that more time is needed to review Final copy of Minutes. Discussion and informal agreement that Initial copy will now be released by Curt 2 weeks before the next meeting and SC members will respond with comments or change requests during the following week. Final copy will be released ASAP thereafter (approximately 1 week before the next meeting).
- Motion to accept Minutes of 11/28/2018 by Jim / Motion seconded by Bob / Minutes accepted unanimously

Treasury Report / Jim Forbes

- Review of Summary Report as of 12/19/2018 (and last-minute changes)
- Dave has told Subgroup Leaders to send expense receipts direct to Jim for reimbursement by check. Email reminder will be going out soon.
- Dave asked for confirmation that Guild is staying within budget. Jim responded that General Fund Income is more than \$1,000 greater than expenses year-to-date. Jim will have Final Report in January that closes out 2018.
- Dave will have 2019 Budget in January to review and vote on

Membership Report / Dave Foote

- 6 students from ConVal HS in Peterborough have applied for student membership. They will receive cards in January.
- Guild currently has 547 members

Grant Requests / Dave Foote

- 2 grant requests have been received from ConVal HS.
 - Request 1 is for \$150 to buy belt sander for use in sharpening lathe tools. Dave and Peter discussed and agreed for safety concerns that providing one of Peter's sharpening systems plus a Vari-Jig for a total of \$360 is safer and better option. Motion to approve purchase for \$360 by Bob / Motion seconded by Jon / Motion passed unanimously.
 - Request 2 is for lathe tools and face shields. Motion to approve \$500 for purchase by Tony / Motion seconded by Claude / Motion approved unanimously.
 - Jim said that checks would be dated and sent out in 2019. Annamarie will inform instructor.
- Dave commented that he would like to see more schools asks for tools such as handplanes, etc.

2019 Budget Preview / Jim Forbes

- Careful line-by-line review of First Draft as of 12/19/18 including comparison to 2018.
- 2018 donations for website development exceeded \$1,500 expectation, some of which can be used in 2019.
- Dues recognized as major component and 2-year option as additional incentive

- Attention to subscription sales to appear in Touchups soon
- Dave said that business cards will continue to be printed/reprinted as needed
- Budget entries for Guild subscription income and expenses are wash accounts. Guild does not derive any income from subscriptions. Orders for discounted book subscriptions will again be accepted up to the February General Meeting. We no longer do group book orders as there is no substantial savings compared to what members can get from on-line sales.
- DONATIONS TO GUILD ALWAYS ACCEPTED
- Sunapee tent rental fee from League of NH Craftsmen expected to increase
- Dave and Jim said that \$ will be made available to Subgroups when needed to encourage activity
- 2019 budget will include allocation for speaker fees
- Dave said that scholarships are no longer offered and being replaced by grants
- GIS to be funded from Guild Directed Programs
- 2019 budget will be voted on in January

Student Competition Update / Annamarie Pennucci

- Starting process (if possible) of withdrawing from League of NH Craftsmen event in June and pursuing alternative at Sanborn Mills Farm. Farm visit this morning very positive.
- Room for 2 lathes (only) and on-going demos. Competition will have 2 rounds to accommodate.
- Distance possible concern for schools
- May 17th (Friday)
- Possible fee from Farm
- STILL LOOKING FOR JUDGES. Claude “cornered” and agreed to be one!

2019 Goals / Dave Foote

- Firm up GIS
- Develop Public Relations to let people know what we do
- Continue to improve Sunapee (WITH AL'S CONTINUED SUPPORT)
- Use Subgroups to improve attendance and participation. Dave will be bringing SG Leaders together to plan/strategize.
- Bring in new members continuously to help delegate responsibilities and plan for continuity. Jim suggested use of Makerspace locations to help.
- Get more members actively involved
- Dave feels that consistent message from Guild is important
- Consider possible donation of Hal Liberty's shop and equipment to Guild or alternative

Other

- Highland Hardwoods Woodworkers Day in May (date to follow soon). Steve said they need help from Guild and Dave agreed. Guild demos possible. STEVE IS LOOKING FOR SUGGESTIONS.
- GIS policy needs to be firmed up in regards liability and permissions. Clarification needed from insurance company or agent. Agreement that teacher needs to be in shop at all times with member. Trying to get Jack Grubbe involved again. Advising (only) or referring them to company to do actual repairs are options if liability insurance is too expensive or limiting. Dave likes the idea of granting \$ for repairs but urges caution. Jon reminded us that his company does equipment repairs and has its own liability insurance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM