

# **GUILD OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WOODWORKERS**

**Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 2/27/2019 by Curt Willard, Secretary**

**Location: First Congregational Church, Concord NH**

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

## **Attendees**

Dave Foote / Mike DiMaggio / Claude Dupuis / Jim Seroskie / Tony Immorlica / Annamarie Pennucci / Steve Costain / Jon Siegel / Jim Forbes / Bob Wyatt / Peter James / Curt Willard

## **President's Report / Dave Foote**

- Discussed Guild lanyard costs and options. Agreement to provide through website for \$3.00 with N/C for shipping.
- Dave recommended buying 150 and have available at meetings
- Jim F. mentioned problems with website ordering. Jim S. acknowledged problem with iMIS software.

## **Minutes / Curt Willard**

- Motion to accept Minutes of 1/23/2019 by Peter / Motion seconded by Jim F. / Minutes accepted unanimously

## **Treasury Report / Jim Forbes**

- Summary report as of 2/26/2019 handed out and reviewed
- Sample Conflict of Interest Policies for NH Charitable Organizations handed out and reviewed. Motion to accept Policy #2 by Peter / Motion seconded by Mike / Policy #2 accepted unanimously.

## **Membership Report / Jim Seroskie**

- 534 current paid memberships (down 13 from first of year / down 27 from year ago). 43% are 2-year memberships and increasing. In addition, there are 13 free student memberships.
- Discussion about declining (overall) membership and remedies. Direct mail being considered. "Aging" of members mentioned as factor with further discussion next month. Curt reminded us of his upcoming "Shop Safety" workshop for beginners. Peter mentioned Makerspace as option for attracting new members. Jim F. stressed retention and involvement of members.

## **Insurance Briefing / Dave Foote & Bob Wyatt**

- Dave and Bob met with our agent and he is willing to come to a meeting to discuss further
- Guild has liability at Guild meetings. Owners/members have liability at their shops for Small and Subgroup Meetings. Agreement that further clarification is needed.
- GIS is covered for some level of equipment advise and adjustment but clear policy is needed
- Agreement that specific questions should be written up in preparation for meeting with agent and that whole SC meeting should be dedicated to this purpose
- Dave to invite agent to upcoming SC meeting

## **Highland Hardwoods Day / Steve Costain**

- May 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM - 1:00PM. Demonstrations and displays. STEVE NEEDS MORE DEMONSTRATORS ASAP. Additional details on Guild website.

## **February General Meeting Debrief / Tony Immorlica**

- Agreement that it was a great meeting. THANKS TONY!
- Discussion about duration. Tony inclined toward shorter meetings but most SC members felt that content should determine duration. Main speaker best in the morning.
- Meetings will continue to be recorded

### **Grant Requests . . . Schools / Dave Foote**

- Claremont Makerspace asking for \$1,000 towards purchase of \$1,600 Ricon lathe. Motion to approve \$1,000 grant by Peter / Motion seconded by Tony / Motion passed with 1 dissent. Discussion about machine size. Discussion about requiring matching \$ and/or access for Guild members and events.
- Manchester Memorial HS asking for \$1,649 towards purchase of \$3,149 Saw Stop tablesaw. Motion to approve \$1,649 grant by Peter / Seconded by Mike / Motion passed unanimously.
- Wilton-Lyndeborough Reg, Manchester Memorial HS and Nute MS each asking for \$360 to purchase lathe tool sharpening system. Motion to approve grant by Tony / Motion seconded by Claude / Motion passed unanimously. Questions about processing. Dave suggested letter of acceptance from schools.
- Same 3 schools each asking for \$1,575 to purchase 3 lathes (\$525 for each lathe). Motion to approve by Claude / Motion seconded by Mike / Motion passed unanimously.
- Same 3 schools each asking for \$400 to purchase 4 sets of lathe tools (\$100 for each set). Motion to approve by Claude / Motion seconded by Mike / Motion passed unanimously.
- Dave made motion to move \$10,000 from Unallocated Funds to Application Grants Fund / Motion seconded by Steve / Motion approved

### **Hardship Request / Dave Foote**

- Extended discussion resulting in Motion to donate a \$2,000 honorarium to Homestead School by Jim F. / Seconded by Peter / Motion passed by a vote of 6-4 with 1 abstention

### **Other**

- Girls to Work asking for donation from Guild. No motion made.
- Mike asked if he could advertise his business on Guild website. No objection expressed. No action needed or taken at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM