

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 10/23/2015 at 6:00 PM

Recorded by Alan Saffron, Secretary

Location: Cobb Hill Construction, 206 N. State St., Concord

Attendees

Alan Saffron Jon Siegel Dave Foote Robert Wyatt Ed Orecchio Jim Forbes
Claude Dupuis Michael DiMaggio Tony Immorlica Jim Seroskie Peter James

Guests

Peter Breu

Secretary's Report

Robert Wyatt requested that the notation regarding the Annual Meeting flea market accounting and revenue be changed to reflect his accounting provided in his September 19 email. Citing those figures, there was consensus that the flea market was still a success, should be considered for next year, and that no auction was necessary. A motion to accept the September minutes, as amended, was supported by Peter James, seconded by Claude Dupuis, and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Robert Wyatt distributed his Treasurers Report sheet with the Guild's account balances.

Jim Seroskie requested that the budget be updated to show the website's \$7000 increase passed at the June meeting. He requested that the website account be broken down into four line items reflecting legacy, migration, development, and recurring costs.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Peter James, seconded by Claude Dupuis, and passed.

Month ending September 2015

General Fund	\$30,745.58
Education Fund	\$20,991.30
GSWT	\$300.11
<u>Boat Builders Fund</u>	<u>\$852.73</u>
Total	\$52,899.72

League of NH Craftsmen appreciation

Mike DiMaggio reported the receipt of Jane Oneail's letter expressing the League's thanks and appreciation for the Guild's grant funding the Living with Crafts exhibition's Best in Wood and Best Turned Wood Piece awards at the 2015 Craftsmen's Fair.

Al Hansen

Peter James supported a motion to recognize Al Hansen at the November General Meeting for his work putting together the Guild's presentation at this year's Sunapee Fair which raised over \$13,000.

Small Meetings

Ed Orecchio expressed that 'no-shows' were an issue for meeting hosts and asked for suggestions.

Subgroup Funding Policy documentation

It was agreed that the documentation of the subgroup policy should wait until after the education policy review.

Education Policy Review

Peter Breu opened the discussion questioning the process of budgeting and holding education funds. After some discussion and redirection to discuss the issues of policy, Peter recommended concentrating on (secondary) school

grants as a very worthwhile investment in woodworking, but, historically, the Guild has found this difficult.

In open discussion, SC comments included observations that the scholarship program is being gamed by a few, is inefficient as scholarships benefit individuals as opposed to groups, and is not needs based as many scholarship programs are. There would be minimal repercussions from the elimination of the program as few members actually take advantage of it. Providing scholarships through woodworking schools would not be feasible as allocating funds fairly between the schools would be difficult and open to question, as well as cede control and oversight of the Guild's funds to others. There was also discussion regarding funding members versus non-members and any tax implications. Funds for Guild subgroup meetings open to the public should be allowable and had strong support.

Jim Seroskie proposed a three point strategy; eliminate scholarships as they benefit individuals only, define criteria and/or formulas to determine an amount of money to be dispersed to the subgroups, based on activity and participation, to be used at their discretion without grant requests, and without rollover at year's end. Lastly, Jim suggested a proactive grants program based on defined goals and programs.

Dave Foote, a retired teacher, suggested a secondary school out reach and competitive bid program, saying it would not be that difficult. The Guild would be able to provide guidelines so as to solicit bids appropriate for Guild resources, and then choose those programs best supported.

Discussion to be continued.

Grants

Claude Dupuis reported misstating the requested amount of the Cardigan Mountain School request last month. The school actually requested \$1000, not the \$832 stated. The \$1000 was approved.

Jon Siegel suggested, that given our education policy discussion so far, that we disperse the funds approved for Mascoma and Cardigan Mountain. The motion was supported by Claude Dupuis, seconded by Peter James, and passed.

Guild in Schools program

There was discussion that our insurance liability be checked when covering a member volunteering personal services in a school shop.

November General Meeting

Tony Immorlica reported that Owain Harris will be the featured presenter, and Ed Taylor of the PFG will talk about the subgroup's activity. The morning program will also include a discussion on glues.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07.