

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 7/27/2016 at 6:00 PM

Recorded by Alan Saffron, Secretary

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

Attendees

Alan Saffron Jon Siegel Jim Forbes Mike DiMaggio David Foote Peter James
Claude Dupuis Bob Wyatt Michael Moore

Guests

Al Hansen

Sunapee

Al Hansen updated the SC on the status of the Guild's program for the LNHC Fair; the Guild has the same size tent, in the same location, and that preparations were well in hand and no problems to report. There was some discussion regarding tables, benches, layout, and a few other details.

Al also had some thoughts for next year to discuss. He is anticipating having his manning/demonstrators spreadsheet based on the website to allow members to sign up easier. He is also concerned with the tent's size given the subgroups' greater participation, especially with displays and/or exhibits he'd like from them.

Secretary's Report

Noting no corrections to the June minutes, Peter James supported a motion to accept the minutes. With Bob Wyatt's second, the motion passed.

Treasurers Report

Jim Forbes distributed his monthly report and reviewed the balances. He then reported that he had been contacted by the NH Charitable Foundation and was told that the Guild was receiving an anonymous donation made through them for the sum of \$28,000. Continuing, Jim also reported receiving a letter from a law firm informing us that a recently deceased member included the Guild in his will and that more information will be provided later.

Month ending June 2016

General Fund	\$6,706.23
Education Funds	
Unallocated	\$3,847.04
Subgroups	\$5,379.34
Grants	\$3,391.00
<u>Guild programs</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Total	\$21,323.61

Grants

Dave Foote told of a conversation with a Laconia resident regarding the woodshop program at Laconia High School. The School Board suspended the students' program and is only making the shop available for adult education due solely to budget cuts. The school board will support a woodshop program for the students if resources are available. Aside from being cleaned up, the shop needs sharpening equipment. The SC suggested having members volunteer to access the entire shop, possibly do maintenance and tune up work on the equipment, and reach out to the school board to submit a grant request to buy a sharpening system. Dave will follow up with his contact.

Makerspace in Manchester

Mike DiMaggio initiated discussion concerning Dave Belsar's proposal. There was general agreement that the concept had merit, but did not seem like a good fit for the Guild at this time. It was noted that the Guild could support the

Makerspace in other ways, if asked. Discussion was tabled and will be taken up at future meetings.

Membership

Mike DiMaggio reported membership at 543, down from 565 LY, but is trending upward. He noted two year memberships have grown to 72, which he believes indicates satisfaction and stability.

There was some discussion concerning setting up a smart phone app payment system to sign up new members at events such as Sunapee.

Beginners & Intermediates Group (BIG)

Bob Wyatt stepped in to replace Bob Couch as coordinator for the group. Due to time constraints, Matt Wadja is limiting his participation with BIG, as is Bob LaCivita with his woodworking fundamentals group. Bob Wyatt added that Matt and Bob will share demonstration duties and focus BIG on techniques and skills, as opposed to a project based program.

They hope to address the needs of beginners as well as those with intermediate skills.

Small Meetings

Mike DiMaggio conveyed Ed Orecchio's concern that furniture making demonstrators were actually needed to round out the various topics covered by Small Meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25.