

NWW Board Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2022
Location: Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: President Rod Parker called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members Present: Rod Parker, Will Alexander (logged off at 7:10 p.m.), Tal Birdsong, Pat Goddard, Sherri Greenleaf, Philip Kezele, Norman Lanford, Brannon Mucke, David Pettenski, Ray Shields, Brad Thompson, and Tom Thornton.

Approval of Board Minutes: Ray Shields moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2022 board meeting. Brad Thompson seconded the motion, which was then unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Treasurer Philip Kezele did not prepare a written report for this meeting, but advised the Board that there was a total of \$10,255.66 in the treasury.

Phil then mentioned that there was a new contact person at the Mount Vernon Christian School (MVCS) for the club, Nicole. She had sent him a rental agreement which he forwarded to President Parker. She also asked about insurance coverage and any records about use of the school commons (the auditorium). Phil requested that the board review the proposed agreement, particularly looking at the deposit request, responsibility for repairs and cleaning, and the security fee. Both President Parker and Tom Thornton suggested that the club had already furnished those items to the school. Brad Thompson asked where we kept our copy of the agreement, and it was determined that we did not have a copy of the original agreement other than the emails that arranged it. Brannon Mucke suggested that since Nicole was a new contact at the school and given the growth of the school, locating the originals there would be improbable. President Parker and Phil Kezele will review the school's request and consolidate the emails documenting the club's arrangement as we understand it.

Membership: There was nothing discussed concerning membership.

Library: There was no discussion concerning the library.

Club Store: Brannon Mucke reported that he will be placing orders with Starbond for about \$450.00 and with Woodturner's Wonders for about \$500.00, both orders being to restock inventory, nothing unusual. He is also working on acquiring maple dowels for the store.

Tool Raffle/Wood Raffle: Tom Thornton reported that the club raised \$1,260.00 at the picnic and another \$600.00 for an estate that Brannon Mucke is assisting with sales. Tom will have some walnut and elm at the meeting for the wood raffle.

Tom advised that Mrs. Champion is comfortable with waiting until everything left in the estate is sold to receive her share of the proceeds. There are about 20 pieces of wood and some tools remaining to be sold. Tom will provide figures for the items sold and the amount due to Mrs. Champion. David Pettenski suggested that the club buy the remaining items from the estate for a fair price and dispose of them in the wood and tool raffles or silent auction, as appropriate.

Club Meeting Presentations: Programs Director David Pettenski reported that the John Beaver wave bowl class is full, but there are only three persons signed up for the round bottom bowl class. There is a need for someone to help Beaver to get to Bellingham after the Saturday class so he can rent a car which he intends to return in Seattle. Will look to a Saturday class participant to assist with that need.

Sawdust Saturdays: Tal Birdsong will lead this month's Sawdust Saturday on an introduction to woodturning, which will end with turning a top. He will provide a shaped butterknife to each participant as a chatter tool. President Parker will assist with the class.

Newsletter: No newsletter deadline or issues were discussed at this meeting.

Old Business:

Grandparent's Day, September 11, 2022: Tal Birdsong and Brad Thompson are the only two signed up to work this event, and Brad may have to leave early. President Parker volunteered to assist.

March, 2023 All-Day Event: Tom Thornton confirmed that the venue in Anacortes has been confirmed as available for both March 11 and 25, 2023. President Parker advised that Nick Agar is available on the 25th, which would move the club meeting to the fourth Thursday of that month. He would do a club demonstration on the on the 23rd, and a class on the 26th. Tom Thornton will confirm again that the venue is available on March 25, 2023.

John Beaver Classes: Tom Thornton addressed the materials needed for the Beaver classes and demonstration. He has 15 rough-turned bowls and Tal Birdsong has another five that will work for the classes and demonstration. The blanks for the round bottom bowl class are square blanks. President Parker will pick up the new bandsaw blade tomorrow and drop it off for Brannon Mucke who will put it on the MVCS bandsaw for the Beaver demonstration.

MVCS: Brannon Mucke advised that the school has eight picnic tables set up in the auditorium for school use. He asked if the school leaves them set up, could we use them for the meeting. The consensus was to leave the tables in place and the club will use them.

Club Management Software Issue: Brad Burdick advised that a major issue with Club Express is the costs involved. He estimated that it would cost between \$1,500.00 and \$2,500.00 to set it up for the club, with an estimated additional \$50.00 per month thereafter as a user fee. There is no word yet on the progress of the rumored AAW nationwide deal with Club Express.

He also looked at Wild Apricot which wants users to set up a free month-long trial, but he has been unable to contact a live individual with whom to discuss the program. Wild Apricot has no setup fee, but is approximately \$1,320.00 per year to use, with the likely possibility of price increases given their history of incremental price jumps.

Brad has not yet examined WordPress, which would entail adding modules to modify the existing website. That route would probably be more limited than either Club Express or Wild Apricot. Brad Burdick will research other clubs' experiences with either or both programs and report his findings.

Ray Shields will provide Brad Thompson with administrative access to our WordPress website for his examination and review. Brad Thompson will look at our current website to see if there are any easy and cheap plug-ins that might meet the club's needs.

The club management software issue will be regularly placed on future Board agendas to review and record progress.

Adjournment: Ray Shields moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Brannon Mucke seconded, and the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Lanford
Secretary