SJFWA Board Minutes
January 17, 2024
Sun Hong Kong Restaurant
1425 Draper Street, Kingsburg
6:00 PM

Call to Order

Quorum
Secretary Bev Gulley stated that a quorum was present: Roger McCoy, Stan Stephens, Mike Weatherson, Bob Paskwietz, Bev Gulley, Bob Cravy, Craig Miller, Jim Gulley,Dave Hill, Chris Grothe

Officer Reports

- President– Roger McCoy
    - Update on Widow Assistance Community Service – Kristi Carlson – this has been more work than anticipated. Roger stated that she has high-value, large equipment as well as a lot of smaller stuff. He will email members when he has a priced list of items available.

- Secretary –Bev Gulley
    - November 15, 2023 meeting minutes
        - The November minutes were approved, with a motion from Bob Paskwietz and second by Craig Miller

- Treasurer– Roger McCoy for George Alexander
    - Year-end Financial Report was reviewed, and Roger pointed out that we had an unusual amount of income due to estate donations. We can't expect that every year.
    - Transfer to Building Fund – excess cash in the amount of $15,000 has been moved to the Building Fund, where it will earn significant interest.

- VP North – Mike Weatherson
    - February 17th meeting – Router Series 2; veneer for sale
    - April 20th meeting – Birdhouse competition; presentation on one of several possible topics including router follow-up, working with plastic laminate, or making and installing drawers. Veneer for sale.
    - August 17th meeting – to be determined.
    - October 19th meeting – remaining topic from April 20 list

- VP South – Bob Paskwietz
    - January 20th meeting – Router Series 1
    - March 16th meeting – Router Series 3
    - July 20th meeting – to be determined
    - September 21st meeting – to be determined
    - November 16th meeting – to be determined

Newsletter –Mike Weatherson

- January/February newsletter was sent out. Mike passed around samples showing color and B&W versions. We agreed that it's worth $35 or so to print hard copies in color.
- Help with writing meeting articles – Mike could use help. A couple of new members have expressed interest in helping with the Newsletter.

Website – Jim Gulley

- Status of changes/updates to website – Roger McCoy provided a list of possible changes. Jim will arrange to meet with Roger and Dave Hill to go over them.
- Training Dave Hill as backup – Jim has met with Dave and they are beginning the training and turnover process. Working on the website changes will be a learning experience.

Education- Stan Stephens

- 2024 Class Schedule
    - Feb 24 (tentative) – Roger McCoy – handcut dovetails
    - April / May – Bob Paskwietz – veneer
    - May 25-26 (tentative) – Roger McCoy – making a wooden hand plane
    - Other possible classes – band saw box; shaker box

Social Media/Outreach –Kevin Gerke - No report

Old Business

- 40th Anniversary of SJFWA – December Social – 12/9/23
    - Comments on the meeting – we all agreed that turnout was very disappointing. Many Turners and Carvers didn't know about it in spite of Roger's messages to their leaders, and we had poor turnout from our own members. Only $215 was raised by the raffle, probably due to low attendance.
    - What can we do better next year? Perhaps more follow-up with invited clubs; much more modest food offering since it won't be an anniversary celebration.
- Status of Toy Program for 2024 – No one other than Board members signed up to indicate interest – ask again at the next meeting. Stan Stephens reported that we have re-filed with the State as a "Small Batch Manufacturer".
- Monthly Meeting Ideas - suggestions for July – November 2024 meeting
    - 2 by 4 contest; drawers; saw blades; tuning a table saw; wood toxicity

New Business

- Gift incentives for show & tell – Roger bought 4 $25 gift certificates for Home Depot and gave one out at the December meeting. He'll save the others for special events. He has a grab box of small items that he will use at regular meetings.
- An audit committee consisting of Bob Paskwietz and Stan Stephens will meet after the March meeting to review the Treasurer's 2023 records.
- Possible South venues in addition to the Visalia Veterans Building – College of the Sequoias, Tulare Continuation High School.

Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM - Stan Stephens moved, Craig Miller seconded.