

San Joaquin Fine Workers Association
Minutes for March 12, 2014
Sun Hong Kong Restaurant, Kingsburg, California

David Dunlap opened the meeting at 6:00

Bev Gulley declared that a quorum was present.

Board members present: David Dunlap, Murray Barry, Bob Cravy, Bev Gulley, Richard Pierce, Mike Weatherson, Glen Gray, Dale Dorfmeier (by phone), Mike Cunningham, Al Sindlinger, Bob Paskweitz, Kevin Gerke, Dave Summers.

Member guests: Jim Gulley

David Dunlap asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes of the last meeting as published via email. Mike Cunningham made the motion to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2014 Board Meeting as written, Glen Gray seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

Officer Reports

President – David Dunlap

- David asked whether all Board members have paid their dues. He sent an email to all members, reminding them to do so, and we have received a number of payments as a result. He asked Bev Gulley how many remain unpaid; she did not have that information available (*3/13 update – out of 108 active members, 31 have not yet paid*). He also encouraged the Board to try sending out emails to advance the club.

- David also mentioned that he is currently storing many items donated by Ray Schaad's estate. About \$800 has already been received from purchasers. In addition, he expects to receive a Shop Smith from another source.

Secretary – Bev Gulley

- ◆ At this point, the transition to the new Membership Database is complete, and she will no longer maintain the old Excel spreadsheet.

- ◆ President, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Membership now have specialized queries that allow viewing the membership information that's pertinent to their jobs. This includes providing a list of email addresses to be used for mass emailing.

Treasurer – Richard Pierce

- ◆ Joel Hatcher has completed Richard's request to tie together the pre-existing reports and he is very satisfied. The project was completed for the estimated \$300.

- ◆ Richard Pierce presented the new one-page year-to-date Budget Report

VP South – Bob Cravy

- ◆ March meeting will focus on special-purpose jigs and similar tools. The meeting will be followed by our initial Lunch with Julia, at Dave Summers' home at 740 S. Peggy, Tulare. More than 30 people have signed up.
- ◆ May meeting will feature Ron Zanini, who will discuss how to identify various woods, and how they will finish. He will also tie in "wood toxicity" information. Lunch with Julia will offer BBQ tri-tip or roast pork.
- ◆ July meeting – Ken Kenoyer and Stan Stephens will talk about turning.

VP North – Murray Barry

- ◆ April meeting will be at Mike Weatherson's shop and will focus on installing doors with European hardware. Mike will have a barbecue available and those attending are invited to bring meat plus food to share for a potluck lunch.
- ◆ June meeting will be at Roger McCoy's shop. Details to come.
- ◆ August meeting is likely to be at Saroyan Lumber.

Newsletter Editor – Mike Weatherson

- ◆ Mike asked for a volunteer to take pictures at his meeting in April. Mike Cunningham will do it.
- ◆ Mike pointed out that he profiled Linden Publishing in the most recent edition. He will review our other sponsors in future editions.

Standing Committee Reports

Education – Chris Grothe / Richard

- ◆ Very little to report. The calendar will need to be updated, since we still have no instructors for scheduled veneering class.

Calendar – Mike Cunningham

- ◆ Mike has updated the online calendar with all information he's received, including complete menus for Lunch with Julia.

Website – Jim Gulley

- ◆ Jim reported that a lot of progress has been made on the new website. Minutes and Newsletters are available in the member area, 3 member profiles have been posted and he wants a lot more.
- ◆ Dues can now be paid online, and it will soon be possible for members to pay for classes online as well. Lunch with Julia could also be set up. Of course, dues and class fees can still be paid directly to the Treasurer as before.
- ◆ Jim will request an invoice for work done to date.
- ◆ At David Dunlap's request, Jim will change the "member" password after the active member list for 2014 is finalized.

Special Committee Reports

- ◆ Banquet - we will get a committee together at the May board meeting to begin planning the 2015 banquet.
- ◆ Auction – we should get a committee soon to be planning a 2015 auction.
- ◆ Juried Show – David Dunlap mentioned that Ben Douglas has sent out an email announcing this year’s show and soliciting entries.

Tulare Fair -

- ◆ Al Sindlinger, Ken Kenoyer, JC Charles, Bob Cravy, and others have formed a loose committee. They will have more to report at the next meeting.

Toys –David Dunlap

- ◆ The President challenged this group to spend less than \$1,000 from the current budget. One of the best ways to control cost is to use existing inventory.
- ◆ David also suggested that perhaps the toy program should be self-supporting, similar to various other programs. This would likely involve selling more toys. Of course, any donations earmarked for toys would also be credited to the toy program.

2014 Drawing

- ◆ Bob Cravy and Bev Gulley agreed to head this up.
- ◆ We need top quality, new items and we need them soon so that we can promote the actual items being offered. Tickets must be available by July Board Meeting, so all planning must be done well before that.
- ◆ Bev will plan to sell tickets at a Sierra Mountain Quilters guild meeting; the club will host ticket sales of SMQA’s Opportunity quilt at a monthly meeting.

Old Business

- ◆ The Fine Furniture Subgroup is currently without a leader. Richard Pierce will work on getting someone to head this up.

New Business

- ◆ The President raised the subject of a clubhouse in the North. A potential site may soon be available. While the South has space and tools at Tulare Western, no such opportunity has been found near Fresno. This limits class content severely. Holding classes at David’s shop is not an answer, since insurance considerations prevent class participants from using his tools.
- ◆ An opportunity may become available soon, and we would need to act quickly. David stated that a group of members is willing to cover any expense to the club over \$10,000 during the first year of start-up.
- ◆ George Alexander mentioned that a Portland club sells blocks of time for people who want to use their tools, thus creating some income.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.