

West Wisconsin Wood Carving Guild Meeting

10/25/2023

LE Phillips Senior Center Eau Claire

Board Members Attending: Charlene Lynum (President), Wayne Dubberke (Vice President)-absent, Carol Figi (Secretary), and John Allen (Treasurer), plus ten members. The meeting convened at 6:35 p.m.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the 09/13/2023 meeting were sent out to members. Motion to accept 1st by Jan, 2nd by Del – accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Currently \$4686.06 in the checkbook. Current membership = 70 members. Motion to accept, 1st by Del, 2nd by Jan – accepted and approved.

Old Business

- Community Service to carve ornaments for the veterans at the Veterans Home, CF. 84 carved ornaments were distributed to the Veterans Home in Chippewa Falls. Unfortunately, COVID-19 virus is high at the home and we were not able to participate in giving those out directly. The ornaments were dropped off with the Activity Director and will be distributed. Members agreed tonight that we should continue this tradition.
- Carve-In on the Chippewa, September 16th 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. held at Brick House in Eau Claire. Amount raised: \$282.11 and a \$100 check from Karen Jacobson for selling her father-in-law's carving items that day at the event. Total is \$383.11.
- Members indicated interest to have an ornament exchange at the December meeting. Members interested could bring an ornament and participate in an exchange if you want to. Carol volunteered to collect the ornaments for Wednesday night meeting and will have a plan for the exchange. The Chippewa meeting on the next day will have a similar opportunity for an exchange.
- Klingspor's Woodworking Shop Club Program. Char/John will submit the list to the company after the first of January 2024. Paid members will enjoy benefits such as Chipping Away (their supplier) will offer club program members 10 % discount on most non-powered merchandise if you indicate you are a member of WWWCG, Bi-Monthly newsletter via e-mail. Discounts do not apply to certain items such as Festool, Saw Stop, Wood Items, Clearance or Sale and our Guild receives samples of products twice a year.
- Membership list – distribution to members. Officers will work to make a member list to distribute members after January 2024.
- We will begin 50/50 sales at the November meeting. A 50/50 sale is where you can throw in a dollar (or more), with a drawing at the end of the meeting to see who wins 50% of the pot, with the other 50% going to the club.

New Business

- Welcome to new members Virginia Meyer and Larry Bulero!
- Toivo celebrated his 14th birthday and brought Glazer Donuts for the group! Happy Birthday Toivo and thank you!

- Carve-In for 2024. Topics discussed included
 - Continue? Discussion resulted in “yes”.
 - Date? Discussion included the fact that there were multiple conflicts with community activities and the fact that we need to pay attention to that variable and consider having in on a different date...? Sept. 28th? No date set, will look at all the variables.
 - Location? Brick House was good location. Next year make sure they have all their ramps put out. The Brick House may be considering renovation to minimize steps within the building for public use.
 - Class? Good to have a class one or two days before. Ideas tossed around included a Kol rosing class with Maura Corey?
 - Committee Volunteers for next year needed!
 - Advertising – Jan volunteered, need more
 - Food – Joann volunteered, need more
 - Door Prizes – Karl volunteered, need more
- Dues for 2024. Discussion, then motion to keep dues the same rate as 2023, \$20 individual and \$25 for family. Motion to accept 1st by Jan, 2nd by JoAnn – accepted and approved.
- More discussion to start inviting instructors outside of the Guild to come teach. At the August meeting, suggestions included:
 - John Overby (Flat Plane carving)
 - Greg Wirtz (Intaglio Relief)
 - Unknown instructor (Fan Birds)
 - Carl McKeeth (Ball & Chain carving)
 - John Engler (Deep Relief) – may need to be a 3-5 day class
 - Maura Corey (Kol rosing)
 - Karen Henderson (green wood spoon carving)
- Menomonie Library Display 2024. Dennis Ciesielski, Joe Forner and Dick Purves have arranged for WWWCG to have an opportunity to display! Thank you! This is a great way for ALL of us to display your creations, no matter your skill level we need to let our communities know that carving is for anyone with an interest!
 - Carvings would need to be picked up by August 22
 - Carving would be returned October 3

Classes

Internal Classes – 4th Wednesday and Thursday of the month meeting.

- January and February – Wayne (Snowman toothpick holder) and Del (Bark carving- fun house). It was not exactly set who was teaching when, so that will be clarified. Thank you Wayne and Del!

External Classes – None planned at this time.

Events

- February 24, 2024 – Chippewa Valley Museum Folk Arts Festival, Eau Claire.
- April 20, 2024 – Westby Karve-In ~ 10-4pm. Location to be announced.
- May 5, 2024 – Mid Wisconsin Chippers – Artistry in Wood, 9:00-4:00 pm. Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 North Main Street in Oshkosh. For information contact Paul Wolters (902) 727-2139.

Go Around

Jan – Brought a box of items from Ken Ramler for people to grab if they want. Remember I have my classes coming up in November!

Del and Dennis – discovered 3 VCR tapes in the Chippewa Falls WWWCG Library. Asked if we should have converted to DVD, which would have a cost. Consensus was to not convert to DVD and if someone still had a VCR player, they were lucky 😊

Motion to adjourn, 1st by Del, 2nd by Dennis – accepted and approved.

Next membership meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30p.m.

Submitted by Carol Figi, Secretary