

West Wisconsin Wood Carving Guild Meeting

11/08/2023

LE Phillips Senior Center Eau Claire

Board Members Attending: Charlene Lynum (President), Wayne Dubberke (Vice President), Carol Figi (Secretary), and John Allen (Treasurer), plus sixteen members. The meeting convened at 6:33 p.m.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the 10/25/2023 meeting were sent out to members. Motion to accept 1st by John, 2nd by Bruce – accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Currently \$4856.06 in the checkbook. Current membership = 73 members. Motion to accept, 1st by Del, 2nd by Wayne – accepted and approved.

Old Business

- 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. We will collect the ornaments for 12/13 and 12/14 meetings with a plan for the exchange.
- Time to pay your dues for 2024! Individual is \$20, Family \$25. See John or the website to sign up for 2024.
- 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.
- Thank you, Dennis Ciesielski, Joe Forner and Dick Purves, for arranging our attendance at the Menomonie Library Display in September!

New Business

- Carve-In for 2024. Topics discussed and decisions included
 - Changing the name of the event. The current name leads people to think that the event is a carve in and you need to bring a project in to carve. It is so much more than that. After discussion it was decided to change the event name for 2024 to *Chippewa Valley Wood Carving Show and Sale*.
 - Changing the date. After discussion the date is set for Sept. 28th.
 - The Brick House was good location. Char has the Sept 28 date booked and will reserve the 4th weekend in September for future years.
 - Good to have a class one or two days before. Item not discussed tonight. Keep ideas in mind.
 - Committee Volunteers for next year needed!
 - Advertising – Jan volunteered, need more
 - Food – Joanne volunteered, need more

- Door Prizes – Carl volunteered, need more. Carl requested a list of businesses used in the past to solicit door prizes. Members who have done this work in the past will develop a list for him.
 - Tool Table – Del volunteered, need more
 - We encourage sales of items. Individuals who sell will need a tax ID number.
- We need to put some money down for 2024 planning. Motion made to approve Reservation fee of \$150, Hall cost of \$150, Sound System rent cost of \$50 and to adopt 4th weekend in September as a recurring date for the event. Motion to accept, 1st by Del, 2nd by Wayne – 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)

Classes

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

- January – Wayne (Snowman toothpick holder)
- February – Del (Bark carving- fun house)
- Thank you, Wayne, and Del!

External Classes – None planned at this time.

Events

- February 24, 2024 – Chippewa Valley Museum Folk Arts Festival, Eau Claire.
- The Art of Wood-Carving and Turning – March 2-3, 10am -4pm, National Czech and Slovak Museum, 1400 Inspiration Place SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Contact Information: Don Lund 319-683-2864
- April 20, 2024 – Westby Karve-In, 10am-4pm. Westby Elementary – 122 Nelson Street, Westby, WI. Featured carver: Sinta Dix. Contact Information: Steve Michaels 608-769-8498.
- Snow Daze Carve-In, April 26-28, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge, 1300 3rd Street North, Waite Park, MN. Register for classes. Contact Information: Wayne Nicoloff 612-750-8716.
- 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.
- 56th International Woodcarvers Congress, June 10-15, Maquoketa Iowa. Instructors committed to date include: John Engler, Jeff Phares, Ryan Olsen, Vic Hood, Charlene Lynum, Roger Nadrchal, Bruce Shostak, Jan Jenson, Randy Hansen, Carol Leavy and Alex Grabovetsky.
- September 14, Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin – 9am-4pm. Free admission, Rock County Fairgrounds; Craig Center, 1301 Craig Ave, Janesville, WI. Contact Information: Brad Crandall 608-931-0188.

Go Around

Carol – Brought two Snow Daze flyers to give to members tonight.

Del – Samples for the class Del will teach in February on table for you to look at 😊

Dennis – Brought a sharpener for members to look at. He demonstrated it tonight.

Char – Read the Thank you note from the Chippewa Falls Veteran's Home to the group.

December 13th meeting will include elections for VP and Treasurer, Ornament Exchange and bring a snack or treat to share if you wish.

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

Next membership meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:00p.m.

Submitted by Carol Figi, Secretary