

# West Wisconsin Wood Carving Guild Meeting

10/23/2024

## LE Phillips Senior Center Eau Claire

Board Members Attending: Charlene Lynam (President), Wayne Dubberke (Vice President), John Allen (Treasurer), Carol Figi (Secretary) absent, plus 8 members. The meeting convened at 6:20 p.m.

## Secretary's Report

Minutes from the 9/11/2024 meeting were sent out to members. Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> by Wayne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue – accepted and approved.

## Treasurer's Report

Currently \$4,745.06 in the checkbook. Current membership = 63 members. Motion to accept, 1<sup>st</sup> by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis – accepted and approved.

## Old Business

- Del – Want to get together at the Old Abes Supper Club again this year? Del contacted manager to arrange for us to come and meet for food and good company on **Thursday, November 7 at 4:30PM. PLEASE BE AT OLD ABES AT 4:30PM, ready to order.** RSVP to Del at 715-723-3946 – let him know if you want to order Prime Rib to eat that night, or you are welcome to order off the menu.
- Guild patches have arrived and look great! Craig at Point Embroidery and Screen, 2809 Stanley Street, Stevens Point WI, 54481, created the patches. The patches will cost ~ \$5 each. Patches may be used for new member kits or to sell to members for \$5.
- Chippewa Valley Wood Carving Show and Sale, Sept. 28, brought in a net profit of \$480 for the club. Overall, we are pleased with the turnout (~160 people attended). Feedback from vendors/people who had tables at the event was positive. Discussion included:
  - Not having an admission fee, keep it free to encourage attendance.
  - No judging for show – this brings a whole different ballgame to the purpose of the event which is to encourage people to experience woodcarving, both current carvers and public.
  - Have a sign at the lunch/treat table: Pop/soda can be purchased at the bar.
  - Food amount was just right, same for next year (we had planned for 75 people to eat).
  - The Brick House was good location, their staff are great and helpful. Char has the date (Sept 27, 2025) booked for next year.
  - Tool Table – Thank you Del, Dick, and Gib! A success! Kids also enjoyed receiving a carved gift to pick from at the table – thank you Dennis for that idea.
  - A big Thank you! to Carl, Dennis, Dale, and Wayne for demonstrating/teaching at the Show!
- The Guild carved ornaments for the Veteran's Home in Chippewa Falls again this year. Dell has all the finished ornaments needed. Thanks to all who donated a carved ornament this year!
- Officer positions for President and Secretary are open. Char shared she will not be accepting a President position for upcoming election cycle. Carol was nominated for the Secretary position and she has accepted that nomination.

- We will hold an ornament exchange again this December at our 12/11 and 12/12 meetings. Please bring an ornament for exchange if you wish to participate.

## New Business

- 2025 Dues. Motion made to keep dues at same rate; single = \$20, family = \$25. Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> by Wayne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis – accepted and approved. **Please pay your dues now to stay on our e-mail list, thank you.**
- Congratulations to Steve Johnson for being featured in the current *Chip Chats*, regarding his butterfly carvings and how he was and has influenced others by his work.

## Classes

Internal Classes – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday and Thursday of the month meeting.

- Thank you to Wayne for our October knife sharpening class! Everyone learned about how to address keeping our blades sharp!

## External Classes

- None currently.

## Events

- Waupaca Area Woodcarvers 2024 Artistry in Wood Show, Competition and Sale, Sunday, November 3, 2024, 9:00 to 4:00, Waupaca Recreation Center, 407 School Street, Waupaca WI. For more Information contact Harold Mohr at 715-281-4923.
- Karve-In, 206 West Avenue S, Westby W, April 26, 2025, 10:00 to 4:00. Judy Gates will be the featured carver.
- Central Minnesota Woodcarvers 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Snow Daze Carve-In. St. Cloud MN. April 25-27<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Loyal Order of Moose Lodge, 1300 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Drive, Waite Park, MN.
- Mid-Wisconsin Chippers-Artistry in Wood, Sunday May 4, 2025, 9:00am-4pm. Oshkosh Convengion Center, 2 North Main Street, Oshkosh Wisconsin. For more information contact Paul Wolters (902) 727-2139.
- International Woodcarvers Congress, Maquoketa, Iowa. June 6-14, 2025. Jackson County Fairgrounds 1212 E Quarry Street, Maquoketa, IA. More at [Woodcarverscongress.org](http://Woodcarverscongress.org)
- Wahpeton Carving Weekend, June 28-30, 2025. Wahpeton, ND. North Dakota State College of Science Technical Center. For info <https://wahpetoncarving.wordpress.com/>
- Wisconsin River Woodcarvers 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Show, September 20-21, 2025. Holiday Inn, Stevens Point.

## Go Around

Ed – brought a bird he carved and painted for show and tell tonight.

Motion to adjourn, 1<sup>st</sup> by Jan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne – accepted and approved.

**Next membership meeting on Wednesday, November 13th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned: 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Figi, WWWCG Secretary.