

West Wisconsin Wood Carvers Guild
L.E. Phillips Senior Center
Minutes
02/12/2025

Board Members Attending: Wayne Dubberke (Vice President), Carol Figi (Secretary), Board Member Absent: John Allen (Treasurer), President position is currently vacant. 8 members attending. Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the February 12, 2025 meeting were sent out to members. No changes requested. Motion to accept made by Jan, 2nd by Denny. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report and Membership

Currently the Guild has \$4,351.06 in the checkbook. 39 paid members for 2025. Motion to accept by Rich, 2nd by JoAnn. Motion passed

Old Business

- Dues for 2025 are now due. Single - \$20.00, Family - \$25.00 Dues. Send to John Allen – 5952 163rd Street, Chippewa Falls WI 54729.
- Chippewa Valley Museum Folk Art Festival – Saturday, February 22, 2025, 12:00 – 5:00. We had a table there with good attendance. Thank you to Jan Jenson, Dick Purves, and Virginia Meyer for volunteering to sit at the table and promote our guild.
- We have been looking for a candidate for president, and tonight Rich Thelen agreed to be that candidate. Motion made to accept Rich Thelen as President. Motion to accept by Wayne, 2nd by Jan. Unanimous acceptance. Thank you, Rich!

New Business

- Discuss Future of our club.
 - Wondering opportunities to grow the club in the future. Discussion included:
 - Attend craft shows – JoAnn willing to bring brochures & banner to upcoming craft show at Heartbreakers in Hallie (June). Contact Jan to get banner and brochures.
 - Create short video for social media about our club.
 - Social media postings to promote club.
 - Inquire about Northern WI State Fair of Oktoberfest opportunity.
- Chippewa Valley Wood Carving Show and Sale – September 27, 2025. Continue with the show as planned. The main purpose of the show is to promote wood carving and our guild.
- Barron County – Men's Shed – Wayne was contacted to see if he would be interested in doing a wood carving demonstration for up to/around 20 people. Event would be in September/October timeframe. Details to come, yet know that Wayne will need help with this event.
- Karve-In, Westby Wisconsin, April 26, 2025, 10:00-4:00 - John Allen volunteered to sit at a guild table. Wayne contacted Steve Michaels and reserved a table for the guild. Char and Rich will also have a table there.

Classes

- Internal Classes – None Scheduled

- External Classes – Jan Jensen currently has a class underway for beginner Old World Chip Carving during March (details sent to members in separate e-mail).
 - Other ideas for external classes included
 - John Overby – flat plane
 - Jim Ayers – fan birds
 - Carl McKeeth – ball and chain
 - John Engler – deep relief
 - Karen Henderson – green wood spoon carving
 - Denny Johnson contacted Jim Ayers regarding offering a fan bird class and he is interested in teaching a class here in the Chippewa Valley. Dennis is looking to work with him to offer a Saturday class sometime in June at the Chippewa Falls Senior Center. More to come in a separate announcement once details are carved out.

Events

- Karve-In, 206 West Avenue S, Westby Wisconsin, April 26, 2025, 10:00-4:00, Judy Gates will be the Featured Carver
- Mid-Wisconsin Chippers – Artistry in Wood, Sunday, May 4, 2025, 9:00am – 4 pm. Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 North Main Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. For more information contact Paul Wolters (902) 727-2139.
- 48th Doane Experience – May 31-June 5, 2025. Crete Nebraska. Doane University, 1014 Boswelle Ave. www.thedoaneexperience.com
- International Woodcarvers Congress – Maquoketa, Iowa – June 7-14, 2025 www.woodcarverscongress.org/
- Wisconsin River Woodcarvers 21 Annual Show, September 20-21, 2025, Holiday Inn, Stevens Point
- Chippewa Valley Wood Carvers Show and Sale - September 27, 2025
- 22nd Annual Minnesota Wood Carvers Association Carving Weekend – October 4-5, 2025, Coon Rapids MN. VFW Post #9625, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd. N.W. 8am to 5pm Saturday, 8am to 3pm Sunday. Lunch included both days. Cost is \$125 per person. Instructor, Materials, supplies are extra and paid to instructor at class time.
- Capital Area Carvers – DeForest, Wisconsin – October 26, 2025

Go Around

- Carol – see article featuring Jan Jensen in Minnesota Carvers Newsletter – circulated to the group tonight.
- Jan Jensen – If you are interested in taking a chip carving class, please call her at 715-559-4163.
- Dennis – I am working on a fan bird class for the club.
- JoAnn – I will promote the club at a June 8th event.

Next Meeting: April 9, 2025

Motion to Adjourn at 7:35 pm by Jan, 2nd by Wayne

Submitted by Carol Figi – WWWCG Secretary