

West Wisconsin Wood Carvers Guild
L.E. Phillips Senior Center
Minutes
09/10/2025

Board Members Attending: Rich Thelen (President), Wayne Dubberke (Vice President), John Allen (Treasurer), Board Members Absent: Carol Figi (Secretary). There were also 11 members attending. Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the August 13, 2025 meeting were sent out to members on September 6, 2025. Motion to accept was made by Bruce, 2nd by Sarah. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report and Membership

Currently the Guild has \$4,185.03 in the checkbook. 60 paid members. Motion to accept by Wayne, 2nd by Bruce. Motion passed

Old Business

- Chippewa Valley Wood Carving Show and Sale – Charlene gave an update.
- Wisconsin River Woodcarvers Show – September 20-21, Stevens Point. There is the opportunity for 6 entries in the competition. Sarah had mentioned that she would enter a piece. Contact Rich if you would like to enter a competition piece.
- Community Projects
 - Carved hearts for cancer center patients – 30 hearts needed every 3 months.
 - Ornaments for Veterans – 55 needed by November 11.
- Show and Sale 2026 planning – Venue needed – Charlene will contact Sue at the Brickhouse to reserve October 3, 2026.
- Elections for 2025 – VP and Treasurer – Wayne and John reviewed their duties. Nominations will be held in October.

New Business

- Old Abe's Supper Club Dinner – September 18 at 4:00 pm (contact Dell to sign up 715-944-5471)
- Mini Class with Dennis Johnson – Spirals, October 22/23
- Karen Henderson Class – Treenware carving, scheduled for May 2, 2026
- 2026 Chippewa Valley Wood Carving Show – Virginia Meyer has agreed to serve as Chairperson.
- Mini Class with Wayne – Marvin Kaisersatt book/techniques – January 2026
- Jan's Chip Carving Reunion – Planned for October – Contact Jan

Events

- Minnesota Wood Carvers Weekend – October 4/5, 2025, Coon Rapids VFW Post, Coon Rapids MN
- Knotty Carvers of the North Show – October 25, 2025, St. Luke's Sport and Event Center, Proctor MN
- Wisconsin River Woodcarvers 21 Annual Show, September 20/21, 2025, Holiday Inn, Stevens Point
- Chippewa Valley Wood Carvers Show and Sale - September 27, 2025
- Capital Area Carvers – DeForest, Wisconsin – October 26, 2025
- Waupaca Area Woodcarvers Show – November 2, 2025

Go Around

- Wayne – Presentation for Barron County Men’s Shed – 57 attended
- Joanne – Attended a show and had someone interested in joining the guild.
- Charlene – Will be having an ornament class at Vesterheim in Decorah, Iowa, on October 18 and 19
- Jan – Will be having a Chip Carving Reunion on the 5 Thursdays in October. Contact Jan for more information. She will also be having a class in Viroqua.
- Rich – How can we retain the new members that join? Maybe having mentors who can be assigned to help the new carver. Perhaps have a Membership Team to follow up with new members.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2025

Motion to Adjourn at 7:20 pm by Jan, 2nd by Wayne

Submitted by Charlene Lynum