

West Wisconsin Wood Carvers Guild
L.E. Phillips Senior Center
Minutes
12/10/2025

Board Members Attending: Rich Thelen (President), Wayne Dubberke (Vice President), John Allen (Treasurer), absent Carol Figi (Secretary). 12 members attending. Meeting convened at 6:40 p.m.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the November 12 2025 meeting were sent out to members. Taking dues for next year. Motion to accept made by Wayne, 2nd by Bruce. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report and Membership

Currently the Guild has \$4,159.79 in the checkbook. 62 members for 2025. Motion to accept made by Bruce, 2nd by Wayne. Motion passed.

Old Business

- WWWC Logowear is available to order for a short period. Order information sent to members with a deadline of December 12th.
- Social Media campaign report. Rich reported social media numbers, such as followers and hits, to attract people. The campaign is indicating success in outreach. Two new members have resulted in 2025.

New Business

Officer Elections:

- Open positions for 2026-28 include Vice President and Treasurer. Virginia was unanimously voted into the Vice President position. Thank you, Virginia! No Nominations for Treasurer. We still need a treasurer. Election of Vice President approved. Motion to accept made by Jan, 2nd by Sue. Motion passed.
- An education committee has been formed to begin to address the issue of bringing new and all members to a basic safety, sharpening and technique for various cuts in carving. The first meeting was held by Rich with 4 members interested in this idea. More information will come forth to members in the January meeting regarding opportunity, education tools, and tactics development for educating members.

Classes

- Internal Classes –
 - Wayne – Marvin Kaisesatt Caricature techniques book review, January 28 &29, 2026.
- External Classes – New this year: External classes will be marketed to the public. If you want to attend, it will be on a first registration form completion/money paid/sent in to be in the class. No more “save me a spot” as we have historically done. Money and registration are the only way to get into a class.
 - Karen Henderson, Treenware (spoons, items carved from green/fresh wood), Saturday May 2, 2026. Class will be one day (Saturday) from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Paint Shack.

Registration details to come via e-mail soon. There will be a limit of 12 people. Cost will be \$50.

- Discussion of a relief class, details more to come in January. There will be a limit of 12 people.

Events

- Tonight was our annual celebration of the Holidays. Great company, conversation, and treats! Thank you everyone.

Go Around

- Dennis – Point of Interest regarding the carving of large dinosaur skulls using a chainsaw. These carvings are detailed and full size, fascinating!
- Jan – Presented a gift to Sarah for all her work as editor and digital supporter to Jan as she proceeds to publish another book. Cool thing, it was a gift box, carved, bow and everything!
- Virginia – Thank you for electing me! Let me know your ideas and I will do my best to represent you.
- Sarah – Glad to be here!

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 2025 6:30PM

Motion to Adjourn at 7:15 pm by Dennis, 2nd by Wayne.

Submitted to membership by Carol Figi – WWWCG Secretary