

BENCHTALK



Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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After a pause, your Guild is working to resume activity, within current restraints. This will be an abbreviated newsletter, primarily sharing the discussions and decisions from the board of directors meeting of 2/16/21.

Greeting from Paul Murphy, pres. & Pat Williams, V-pres:

"We hope the many months since we last met have kept all of you well and working on your wood creations."

Minutes of Northeast Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild, Board of Directors. February 16, 2021.

Participants: Pres. Paul Murphy; V. P. Pat Williams; Treasurer Chuck Druckery; Membership Ted Zabel; Newsletter Maureen Birk; Program Committee Steve Lockhart & Barry Bender; Web Specialist Matt Hamblin. (Unable to attend: Secretary; Bob Wellhouse; Past Pres./Librarian Pete Schuh)

Agenda

Minutes: Minutes from last board meeting were accepted

Treasurer's Report: Chuck provided a written report of funds since 1/1/21.

Current assets: \$5145.80

Assets February last year: \$8648.76

Costs have been primarily for insurance. No activity on income, due to suspended meetings, etc.

Membership: Ted reports stable membership. In fall, members were provided with the option of a \$5 membership, and 34 took that option. Those who did not are still considered members, and no one will be dropped from the rolls. Once we are able to meet again in person, how to resume membership fees/schedule will be discussed.

Newsletter: Other than a few general notices, there has been no actual newsletter since fall. Publication will resume as reports of board meetings, and will include more Guild information as activity can be increased.

Library: Pete reports one new book: "Bandsaw Box Patterns" by John Traeger

Programs: Barry and Steve report several options for future programs, including, but not limited to: intarsia, bowl carving, CNC carving, "high end" furniture refinishing. Some previous programs may be repeated.

Resuming Guild Meetings: Pat reports that a new location has been found for future meetings. This is at the Art Garage, 1400 Cedar Street in Green Bay. There are 3 parking lots, all facilities are on one level. A large room can accommodate up to 200 people, with ample chairs and tables. TV and audio available. Could conduct classes and demonstrations. A few details are yet to be finalized, but.....

****First meeting is projected for June or July 2021, the 3rd Wed, at 7pm. MASKS WILL BE MANDATORY for the protection of all participants, and extra masks will be available.****

Topic of first meeting will be a **Members' Show & Tell**, so we can all see how members stayed busy during the down time.

38th Annual Show: Plans for the Show are in preliminary stages. Current suggestion is to work toward a fall date, possibly around the holidays. If we remain at Southwest High School, much will depend on when the schools are ready to allow outside users. This location is the most practical, as the detailed floor plan is already established. Many exhibitors have allowed their 2020 fee to carry over, and plan to attend. Some have requested refunds, but can be rescheduled if they wish. Some new printing of publicity would be required, due to date changes. At this time it is expected that this would also be a Mask Mandatory event.

Additional Business:

Virtual Board meetings open to all members: Board meetings are resuming on a regular basis. Member participation is welcome. Please let Matt Hamblin (froggy6703@gmail.com) know if you would like to receive the invitation.

PBS Wisconsin: Public TV has a spring online auction. Barry previously offered an item that sold well. He suggests other members look into this also, and provide some publicity for the guild. Additional information from Barry will be sent in a separate email.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Birk

Bench Talk is the newsletter of the Northeast Wisconsin Wood Workers Guild, published prior to regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Submissions from members are welcome (articles, musings, questions, pictures.) Issues will be published intermittently until normal meetings can resume.

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MEETINGS (Guests and prospective members welcome)

3rd Wednesday of each month, Time: 7:00 p.m. resuming later in 2021 Visit our web site at: www.newwg.org

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