

THE DESERT WOODCRAFTERS Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2017

Spencer Davis, Vice President, called the Meeting to order in absence of President, Terry Glover, at 9:00am in the Flowing Wells High School Auto Shop. We had 33 Woodworkers in attendance: 31 Members and 2 Guests. The guests (Killian Nalcoos and Marie Minor) were introduced.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Martha Garcia, and seconded by Spencer Davis, to approve the July minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our current bank balance is \$3,161.61.

50/50 RAFFLE: The total was \$87. Frank Westerlund won \$43, and the Club got \$44.

BRING BACK: The Bring Back was a Welcome sign made by William Pena. Pete DeMarco won it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

MEMBERSHIP:

We currently have 58 Members (3 Life Members and 55 Paid Members). All dues are current and up-to-date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ken Tower made a motion for the club to donate \$200 to purchase a Jet Mini-Lathe for the Cragin Elementary After-School Project that Sam Scalzo is running. Chuck Margeson seconded the motion. There was some discussion about this program. Sam is looking for help (one person per lathe). Sam is planning on 10 lathes. SAZWA has offered the use of 4 mini-lathes with the agreement they be returned when needed for hands-on projects in the club. There was some discussion about the program failing. If that happens, anything donated or purchased for the program will be returned back to the clubs or individual.

OLD BUSINESS: None

FOR SALE:

Bowl Blanks, Router Lift, Shelf Brackets, Pen Blanks, and Pen Kits.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mark your Calendars – HOME SHOW, Oct 1-2-3. We are looking for volunteers to man the booth. Contact Spencer Davis, (520) 471-2480, to sign up.

WOODWORKING PROBLEMS (other than not enough time). None

COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

DOODLE BOXES – Chairman: Terry Glover

A goal was set at 225 for 2017 from DWA. 100 have already been made and donated to the Ronald McDonald House. 3 were sold at Spring Fling for \$7/ea. 125 more need to be made to donate to the TOY Project (chaired by Frank Pickett). 33 were assembled at the June Meeting. These will be distributed with the TOYS Project.

TOYS – Chairman: Frank Pickett

A goal was set at 2,000 toys for 2017 from SAZWA and DWA. Work on toys; bring them to Frank in November. If you need wheels for toys, see Frank.

BEADS OF COURAGE – Chairman: Ivan Hanna

A goal was set at 100 bowls for 2017 from SAZWA and DWA. 24 bowls have been turned in for 2017.

PURPLE HEART PENS – Chairman: Phillip Milks

Updated Total for 2016 was 200 pens. A goal was set for 200 pens for 2017 from SAZWA and DWA. There are 15 kits out for turning, and 85 more kits available. 93 pens have been turned in for 2017.

MILITARY PENS – Chairman: Jim Keown

A goal was set for 2,000 pens for 2017 from SAZWA and DWA. None turned in to date. There are 100 kits available. 800 pens have been turned in for 2017.

SANTA'S ELVES TOY PROJECT – Chairman: Ken Tower

The purpose of this project is to build toys as a group in assembly-style fashion. Toys will be built in Ken's shop. Four woodworkers (Ken Tower, Alan Crosby, Spencer Davis, and Terry Glover) got together during the month. They built 70 doodle boxes. Contact Ken Tower if you want to schedule a time to make toys in his shop.

FLAG DISPLAY BOXES – Chairman: Paul Swane

The plans for making the Flag Display Boxes are available on the DWA website. Paul suggests you use a good hard wood. You can use glass or acrylic for the window area. A goal was set for 8 for 2017. So far 2 have been turned in for 2017.

NESTING BOXES – Chairman: Paul Swane

The Audubon Society would like us to commit to making birdhouses for AZ birds in 2017. Although no specific goal was set for 2017, 154 Nesting Boxes have been turned in so far this year.

INSTANT GALLERY – 10 members participated.

Participants:

Pete DeMarco – Scrollsaw People
John Nicholson – Dog Bank
Mike Phillips – Train with Grandchild's Name
Frank Pickett – Segmented Bowls
Sam Scalzo – Cutting Board
Paul Swane – Ulua Knives
Ken Tower – Pens with Celtic Knots
Frank Westerlund – Scroll Saw Cross, Bookmarks, and Tealights
Rod Wiederin – Segmented Bowl
Dan Williams – Carved Cartoon Characters

Meeting Adjourned at 10am with Motion by Martha Garcia and Seconded by Spencer Davis.

President's Choice for September will be "Folding A Bandsaw Blade", or a Charity Project Item.

Today's Demonstration: "Rough Cut Segmentation" by Frank Pickett.

As always, Frank did an excellent job demo'ing and offering many ideas on how to use difference size pieces.

September Demonstration: "How To Carve Kitchen Utensils", by Dan Williams.

The Next Meeting: Saturday, September 2, 9:00am at FLOWING WELLS HIGH SCHOOL Auto Shop or adjourning shop area.