

THE DESERT WOODCRAFTERS Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2017

The President, Terry Glover, called the meeting to order at 9:00am in the Flowing Wells High School auto shop. We had 43 Woodworkers in attendance: 34 Members and 9 Guests. Guests were introduced. One guest, James Thacker, paid and joined the club.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Spencer Davis, and seconded by Ron Pullen, to approve the January minutes with the corrections as listed below:

- 1) Steve Nelson (not Steve Bell) won the subscription to the Woodturning magazine.
- 2) Misspoken: The wood turner who passed away was NOT a SAZWA member. The gentlemen passed away 6 years ago. Do not contact Paul Newell. He needs to price the tools and get permission to sell items from SAZWA.
- 3) \$150 (not \$100) was added to the budget for Gift Cards or Free Membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our current bank balance is \$3,096.78. We are still collecting 2017 dues.

50/50 RAFFLE: Sam Scalzo's grandson, Chris Leluan, picked the winning ticket. Steve Nelson won \$67 and the Club got \$68.

BRING BACK: William Pena provided the Bring Back item, which was a Welcome Sign. The winner of the Bring Back was Gene Rittenhouse's relative (and guest), Larry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We have accepted SAZWA's offer to swap our 12" Craftsman band saw for a larger Grizzly band saw that they got as a donation. Their plan is to sell our old Craftsman saw. This is a good deal for both clubs since we now have a better band saw for demonstrations and workshops at Flowing Wells High School. Here is the link URL to the instruction manual for the band saw if you are interested: <https://www.grizzly.com/products/g1073/parts>

MEMBERSHIP: FEBRUARY STATUS: We currently have 55 Members (3 Life Members, 38 Paid Members, and 14 Non-Paid Members). *Note: Some of the 14 Non-Paid Members may actually have paid their dues to SAZWA, taking advantage of the price break for joining both clubs. The Treasurer will contact SAZWA to send the DWA portion of the payment to us so we can rectify our Membership Roster.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Audubon Society Project - The Audubon Society would like us to commit to making 50 birdhouses for AZ birds. We will discuss in March whether we want to make this a Community Project or not. We need a Chairman if we decide to do that.

2017 SABHA (Fall only). We will discuss specifics of getting a booth again at this show later this year. Jim Keown volunteered to chair this event.

OLD BUSINESS: None

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SPRING FLING Saturday April 1 (same day as DWA meeting). Cost is \$15 (includes Cookies & Coffee in the morning and Lunch). Bring items for Auction. We will be distributing a signup sheet and collecting money for the food (catered by Flowing Wells High School) at the March meeting.

Student Mentoring at Xerocraft during Spring Break March 3-7 - The purpose of this Mentoring effort will be to expose students to woodworking. Volunteers are needed for a 1-to-1-mentor relationship. Spencer Davis volunteered to Chair this event. Contact him for more info.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

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 at the end of the year.

BEADS OF COURAGE – Chairman: Ivan Hanna

Updated Total for 2016 was 82 bowls between SAZWA and DWA. A goal was set at 100 bowls for 2017 from SAZWA and DWA. None turned in to date.

PURPLE HEART PENS – Chairman: Phillip Milks

Updated Total for 2016 was 220 pens. A goal was set for 200 pens for 2017 from SAZWA and DWA. None turned in to date. There are 15 kits out for turning, and 85 more kits available.

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.

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. Ken will notify everyone of the schedule. Goal: To create more toys for our Charity!

STUDENT MENTORING – Chairman: Spencer Davis

The purpose of this project is to expose students to woodworking in a 1-to-1-mentoring environment. Students could work on community projects for us as well.

FLAG DISPLAY BOXES – Chairman: Paul Swane

The purpose of this project is to provide 6-8 Flag Display Boxes per year to the VA.

INSTANT GALLERY – 12 members participated. The drawing winner was STAN RIES who won \$25.

Participants:

Pete DeMarco – Scrolled Nativity Scene, Peaked-Roof Bird House
Terry Glover – Laser-Cut Lucy Warbler Bird House
Steve Nelson – Maradai/Kumihimo Wooden Stand
John Nicholson – Coasters
Frank Pickett – Turned Bowls
Mike Phillips – Spinning Tops, Whistle, Christmas Ornament
James Pruet – Lucy Warbler Bird House
Stan Ries – Milling Jig
Sam Scalzo – Beads of Courage Box, Key Hanger
Paul Swane – Pepper Mill
Ken Tower – Art Deco Clock
Frank Westerlund – Scrolled Dove Ornament, Love-You Box, Miniature Bird House w/Bird

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE - Several members participated this month making birdhouses for the Audubon Society. Thank you to all who contributed. The Next Drawing will be in March.

The President's Choice item for March will be a 2x4 Challenge OR a DWA Charity Item.

Rules for the 2x4 Challenge can be found on the DWA website. Basically it's making something from a 16" piece of 2x4, nothing else!

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 am

Today's Demonstration:

Celtic-Knot Pens by Sam Salzo

Post-Meeting Workshop: Military Service Pens Workshop. After the demonstration, DWA turned pens for US service members. The club lathes were used, and our expert pen turners were on hand to coach. The club provided the pen blanks and kits.

March Demonstration: Clem McLay, demonstrating 2-way cutting of nameplates on the scroll saw.

The Next Meeting: Saturday, March 4th, 9:00am at FLOWING WELLS HIGH SCHOOL Auto Shop.