

THE DESERT WOODCRAFTERS Meeting Minutes – January 7, 2017

The President, Terry Glover, called the meeting to order at 9:00am in the Flowing Wells High School auto shop. We had 42 Woodworkers in attendance: 38 Members and 4 Guests. Guests were introduced: Jennie MacFarland from Tucson Audubon, former member George Lewis, Frank Pickett's wife Marita, and Ernie Shaffer's friend Rolf Sennhenn.

MINUTES: There were no corrections to the December meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Pete DeMarco, and seconded by Sam Salzo to approve the December minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our current bank balance is \$3,408.28. We are still collecting 2017 dues.

50/50 RAFFLE: Jennie MacFarland picked the winning ticket. William Pena won \$53, and the Club got \$54.

RAFFLE:

The club raffled off a FREE magazine subscription to "More Woodturning". The winner was Steve Bell.

BRING BACK: Paul Swane provided the Bring Back item, which was a wood-turned bowl. The winner of the Bring Back was William Pena.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1) A member in the Woodturner's club passed away. SAZWA will be having a yard sale on his tools soon. Contact Paul Newell (520) 891-7748 for more information.

MEMBERSHIP: JANUARY STATUS: We currently have 53 Members (3 Life Members, 36 Paid Members, and 14 Members who have not Paid yet) for 2017.

NEW BUSINESS: BUDGET

1) A motion was made and tabled for February concerning budgeting three \$100 Gift Cards to be used as Drawings in December for the Charitable Projects Donation. A suggestion was made that instead of Gift Cards, maybe we could offer FREE DW memberships.

2) A motion was made, and passed via show of hands, to Budget \$175 from our club to help finance supplies for the Purple Heart Pen Project. The other club with Budget \$175 also. A majority of the Purple Heart Pens are distributed right here in Tucson through the VA.

3) A motion was made by Bob Erickson and seconded by Alan Crosby to accept Budget as amended on Proposed 2017 Budget Sheet. Motion Passed

4) A suggestion was made to start a "Santa Elves Toy Project" team in order to make more toys for our charitable project. The purpose of this project will be to build toys as a group in assembly-style fashion. Some people can cut out patterns; some can paint; etc. The Project will be led by Ken Tower in his shop. Ken will set a day/time and let everyone know the schedule. It's always more fun to work as a team!

OLD BUSINESS:

1) The Christmas Luncheon was very nice. Everyone had a great time.

2) The distribution of toys for the schools went well. We would like to thank Alan Crosby for being Santa all these years. Also thank you to his two Elves, Gene Rittenhouse and Bob Erickson. Note: Bob picked up a new Santa suite at a yard sale and is donating it to Alan for upcoming years.

UPCOMING EVENTS: SPRING FLING

A motion was made by Ivan Hanna and seconded by Fred Frankenfeld to have Spring Fling on April 1st, the same date as the DW meeting. We need volunteers for committees and demonstrations. Ken Tower volunteered to coordinate the demonstrations. We will use Flowing Wells HS Cafeteria for the lunch. Ivan Hanna will coordinate the lunch. More info will be available next month.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

TOYS – Chairman: Frank Pickett A total year-end count for toys was 1,922 for 2016. This was a 12% increase from the previous year. The dominant item this year was cars. A goal was set at 2,000 toys for 2017 from SAZWA and DWA.

BEADS OF COURAGE – Chairman: Ivan Hanna

A total year-end count for Beads of Courage bowls was 90 for 2016. A goal was set at 100 bowls for 2017 from SAZWA and DWA.

PURPLE HEART PENS – Chairman: Phillip Milks

A total year-end count for Purple Heart Pens was 210 for 2016. A goal was set for 200 pens for 2017 from SAZWA and DWA.

MILITARY PENS – Chairman: Jim Keown

A total year-end count for Military Pens was 1,683 for 2016. A goal was set for 2,000 pens for 2017 from SAZWA and DWA

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!

INSTANT GALLERY – 14 members participated. The winner was James Pruet who won \$25.

Participants:

Bill Chafee – Lamp
Alan Crosby – Watch
Pete DeMarco – Pens
Terry Glover – Sandpaper Storage Trays
Steve Nelson – CNC DWA Sign
John Nicholson – Turned Small Bowl
Frank Pickett – Snowman Pens
James Pruet – Gift Card Box
Ron Pullen – Cutting Board, Cheese Tray, Pens, Book Support
Sam Scalzo – Wine Bottle Stoppers and Holder
Paul Swane – Wine Bottle Stoppers
Ken Tower – Santa Band
Frank Westerlund – Book Marks and Trivet
Guest, Rolf Sennhenn – Boot Jack

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE – 9 members participated this month. The Next Drawing will be in March.

The item this month was: Scroll Saw Items or a DW Charity Item

Participants:

Pete DeMarco
Clem McLay
John Nicholson
Mile Phillips
Frank Pickett
Sam Scalzo
Paul Swane
Ken Tower
Frank Westerlund

The President's Choice item for February will be a BIRD-RELATED ITEM or a DWA CHARITY ITEM.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15am

Today's Demonstration:

Audubon Society "Birdhouses or Nesting Boxes for AZ Birds"

February's Demonstration:

Celtic-Knot Pens by Sam Salzo

THE NEXT Meeting will be held at 9:00am Saturday, February 4th at FLOWING WELLS HIGH SCHOOL Auto Shop. The February Meeting will be extended 2-3 hours in order to turn and assemble pens for the Pen Projects. Anyone who wishes to stay and participate can do so.