

THE DESERT WOODCRAFTERS Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2017

The President, Terry Glover, called the meeting to order at 9:00am in the Flowing Wells High School Auto Shop. We had 32 Woodworkers in attendance: 30 Members and 2 Guests. The guests were introduced: Frank Pickett's wife, Marita, and Larry Becker. Larry joined the club at the meeting.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Paul Swane, and seconded by Ernie Shaffer, to approve the May minutes with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our current bank balance is \$2,995.01. We are still collecting 2017 dues.

50/50 RAFFLE: Marita Pickett picked the winning ticket. Phillip Milks won \$44, and the Club got \$44.

BRING BACK: The Bring Back was won by Terry Heffernan. It was a mahogany votive candleholder made by Ron Pullen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Interim Treasurer 2017: Jim Payne has volunteered to assist as the Interim Treasurer for the remainder of 2017 while Bob Erickson is dealing with some medical issues. Jim has asked for financial support in performing this task. Jim will present the "whiteboard" Treasurer's Report at each meeting and collect any DWA funds at the meeting. Frank Pickett currently has the Hughes Credit Union checking account signature authority. A motion was made by Paul Swane, and seconded by Ron Pullen, to transfer the signature authority for the Hughes Credit Union checking account to our president, Terry Glover and change the current mailing address on file at Hughes Credit Union to Terry Glover's home address. The motion was voted on (show of hands) and was unanimously passed.

In the future, we must be prepared to elect a new Treasurer in November in accordance with DWA bi-laws. Being DWA Treasurer can be a positive relationship experience. It helps you relate the member names to their faces because you have brief moments to interface with everyone. You do not have to be computer savvy (Bob Erickson has not used a computer for 5 years in his Treasurer position). The Treasurers task includes making sure funds are deposited, signing checks when required, and then reporting how much money is left in the checking account once a month at the meeting. To simplify the money handling, Terry made a Treasurer's worksheet to use at each meeting. The total time on this task should only take a few hours a month. Anyone interested in this position, please notify Terry.

MEMBERSHIP:

We currently have 58 Members (3 Life Members and 55 Paid Members). All dues are current and up-to-date. The Treasurer is still negotiating getting the money from the Turners Club for our members who joined both clubs in Dec 2016 and paid their dues through the Turners Club.

NEW BUSINESS:

Doodle Boxes. Terry Glover made 100 Doodle Boxes (w/pens) and donated them to the Ronald McDonald House. They are used to give to kids waiting for a procedure in the hospital or to their siblings. They are carried on the Ronald McDonald "Caring Cart". Terry plans on making another 125 by the end of the year for the TOYS PROJECT (chaired by Frank Pickett). A motion was made by Alan Crosby, and seconded by Mike Phillips, to reimburse Terry \$159 for purchasing product to make the Doodle Boxes and to allow \$250 in the 2017 Budget for Doodle Box supplies. The motion was passed. Some whiteboard was donated by Home Depot and Lowes, which helped a lot in making this many boxes. There will be work group after the meeting to help glue up some of the boxes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Bob Erickson has a slow heartbeat and is under doctor's care. We hope your doctors are helping Bob get better.
- 2) William Pena is a star on YouTube after the Sign Demonstration last month! Everyone who stayed after the May meeting enjoyed the demonstration.

FOR SALE:

Various items were on display for sale. Paul Swane had some turned wine bottle stoppers for sale.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

None

WOODWORKING PROBLEMS (other than not enough time).

Mike Phillips was having trouble with spray paint bubbling. Ken Tower mentioned he does not shake the can vigorously. Put it on lightly – too thick could bubble. Also noted porous wood traps air and could cause bubbling. So the suggestion was "spray lightly, do not shake the can vigorously."

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).

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. If you need wheels for toys, see Frank. Frank does not get toys until later in the year, but suggested woodworkers interested in making toys pace themselves to achieve the best results. If you want to make 48 toys for the year, maybe do 4 a month.

BEADS OF COURAGE – Chairman: Ivan Hanna

A goal was set at 100 bowls for 2017 from SAZWA and DWA. 12 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. 40 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. 434 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. No specific goal was set for 2017. So far 1 has 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. The drawing winner was Ken Tower, who won \$25.

Participants

Pete DeMarco – Scroll Saw Violin
John Nicholson – Plaque Clock
William Pena – Signs
Mike Phillips – Pull Toy Grasshopper
Frank Pickett – Bowls
Ron Pullen – Wooden Tea Light holder (used for the 50/50 raffle)
Paul Swane – Wine Bottle Stoppers
Ken Tower – Olive Wood Clock
Frank Westerlund – Scroll Saw Trivets
Rod Wiederin – Segmented Dish

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE – 5 members participated this month: Pete DeMarco, Bob Erickson, Mike Phillips, Frank Pickett, and Ken Tower. The President's Choice item this month was a Wood Sign using a Router or Charity Project Item. The Drawing Winner was Gene Rittenhouse. Gene was not present at the meeting. The Secretary will mail him the check. Next Drawing will be in September.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45am.

President's Choice for July will be "Something That Uses The Alphabet", or a Charity Project Item.

Today's Demonstration: "use of the band saw" by Ken Tower.

July demonstration will be "maintaining a band saw" by Ken Tower.
The "scroll nameplates" demonstration by Alan Crosby was moved to August.

The Next Meeting: Saturday, July 1st, 9:00am at FLOWING WELLS HIGH SCHOOL Auto Shop.