

November 21, 2024
Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association
Board Meeting

Attendees

Nick Pedersen
Barry Tonkin
Al Ashley
Christi Brua Weaver
George Knutson
Jerry Couchman
King Dahl
Earl Kessler
Todd Wyder
Andrew Pellar
Greg Koenker
Bill Pierce

Call to order: 7:03 pm

Treasurer's Report - Al Ashley

- See Al's report for details
- About \$1,000 more in the bank than at this time last year
- 265 members - most ever (235 in 2023); 51 new members this year (36 in 2023)
- 26% of members renewed membership so far
- Expenses included school rental, presenter fee, zoom license, and tech expenses

Communications

- King will ask Mike for help:
 - granting Zoom access to officers for backup if King is unavailable to start meetings
 - setting up new email address, info@ncwawood.org for general inquiries from nonmembers
 - Vice President will handle donations
 - Secretary will distribute commission requests
 - Consider club liability waiver
 - Need a list of members who have kilns, mill lumber, other specialties

Membership

- Continued growth every month
- New members find us from a lot of sources, word of mouth, internet search, shows
- Committee meet recently and developed a new member engagement and onboarding process
 - Reduce amount of information sent to new members in welcome email, more information will follow
 - Membership form online seeks info about skill level and interests; will emphasize volunteerism (including audio/visual)

- Vendor liaisons need to resupply preferred vendors with rack cards

Audio/Visual Update

- Several issues have been identified and hopefully addressed
- Greg purchased a wireless transmitter and receiver, which will be used next meeting; should simplify the process
- Next purchase will be video camera; Greg researched options and got a professional recommendation for a Canon camera
 - Will need about \$400 of next year's budget to cover camera and extended warranty
 - Board unanimously approved purchase and using \$400 of 2025 budget

Education

- Two new classes with two new teachers; still working on developing new teachers
- Administrative assistant will help Andrew
- Remind teachers to collect liability waivers; Andrew will collect waiver templates for review next months

Shop Jigs

- Recommendation: Encourage members to bring in shop jigs for Bring and Brag
 - General support for the idea
 - Education Committee has had jig classes in the past and is considering future classes

Library

- Person reached out to the club to donate late husbands books, tools, etc.
- Club will sell at December's meeting; proceeds will go to general club account

Newsletter

- King will be sending out the newsletter early

Spirit Award

- Awardee selected
- Another member will also be honored for service to club, Board Recognition Award

Programs

- Group membership has expanded to 5
- Several ideas for next year; confirmed:
 - January - wood preparation
 - April - build a wood trailer
- Board agreed earlier this year to pay members for presentations the same as we pay outside presenters
- Discussion on paying nonmembers to do video editing; will continue at next meeting

Adjourn: 9:02pm

Next Board Meeting: December 19, 2024