

WISCONSIN RIVER WOODCARVERS

Minutes from the December 12, 2018 Meeting



Call to order:

President Greg Wirtz called the meeting to order at 7:10pm at the 1st Congregational United Church of Christ in Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

Minutes from the November 12th meeting:

No corrections were made to the November minutes; therefore, the minutes will stand as sent.

Treasurer's Report by Ron O'Kray:

Ron gave an extensive report on all income and expensed realized since the November meeting. A motion to approve the Treasurers report was made by Clark Snyder, seconded by Dick Fleisner and approved by the membership present.

Sunshine Report by Marion O'Kray:

"Get Well" cards were sent to Larry Yudis, Sue Pils, Jim Van Norman, Ken Brzezinski, David King and Mina Willis.

Election of Officers:

Greg asked if there was anyone who would be interested in serving as an officer in the club. There being none he then asked the current officers if they would continue. All officers present agreed to stay in their current positions. The slate of officers for 2019 will be as follows: Greg Wirtz – President, Clark Snyder – Vice President, Sue Brzezinski – Secretary, Ron O'Kray – Treasurer / Show Chairman, Marion O'Kray – Sunshine Person / Hospitality Person, Stan Carlson – Historian, Bill Jacobs – Librarian, Bill Day – Webmaster, Chet James – Seminar Director. Ron Peters made a motion, seconded by Sarajane Snyder to accept the slate of officers motion approved by the membership present.

Old Business:

The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers are scheduled to display at the Alexander House in Port Edwards, WI. from August 30 to October 15, 2019.

Commerative Knives order forms are available from Jerry Uher, Ron O’Kray or on the website www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org. All orders must be pre-paid and ordered by December 20, 2018.

Bob Travis Seminar, September 16, 17, 18, 2019 at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, WI. Cost \$225.00, a maximum of 12 students will be accepted, we have (5) pre-paid at this time.

Sandy Smith Seminar: September 18 and 19, 2019 at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, WI. Cost \$75.00 per day, a maximum of 12 students in each class will be accepted, we have (4) paid for on Wednesday and (6) paid for on Thursday.

Door Prizes were donated by Richard Zakoski and Bill Jacobs for tonight’s meeting. Richard has a few “Old Sea Captain” cutouts for sale at \$10.00 each. See Ron O’Kray if interested.

Christmas Party set for Wednesday January 9, 2019 at Smiley’s; 4020 County R; Plover, WI. 5:00 PM cash bar, 6:00 PM “Buffet”. Need a final count prior to January 1, 2019. Cost is \$22.00 per person includes tax and gratuity. Contact Ron O’Kray if you are attending. Jeff and Pam Enerson are the hosts for the Christmas party.

New Business:

Welcome to our new members, Brenda Hubler of Wisconsin Rapids. She is a school bus driver, quilter and an “All around Crafty Person”. She is interested in carving walking sticks and spoons.

Tom Kissner of Plover, WI. Tom is a retired landscaper and still enjoys yard work. He also likes bowling, traveling and returning home. He is interested in carving caricatures and animals.

Our current membership for 2018 is 135. We have (88) 2019 memberships paid for. Dues are \$24.00 and are due January 1st.

Tina Cooper mentioned that she is usually one of the last carvers to leave from carving class on Wednesday night and usually parks in the lower parking lot. She said it is kind of scary to be the only car in the parking lot. Jeff Enerson made a suggestion that we use the “Buddy” system when leaving the building so no one is walking alone.

Tina also asked if club officers get reimbursed for mileage when doing things for the club. Clark Snyder explained that the only compensation that club officers get is their meal paid for at the Christmas party. Tina suggested that we might get more volunteers if mileage was paid for club duties as most of the club members are on fixed

income. Discussion was held, no decision was made.

Question was asked if the Wednesday carving club will meet on December 26, 2018 at the church in Wisconsin Rapids. The answer was **Yes**. However, the Tuesday carving club

will not meet at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point on January 1, 2019 because of the Holiday.

2019 Show:

We have (122) tables for the 2019 show sold already.

Ron has all the room information from the Holiday Inn and a letter will be sent to all 2019 paid show exhibitors soon.

Nativity cutouts are available at tonight's meeting. See Ron.

Don't forget to carve an ornament for the tree at the 2019 show.

Forms for ordering shirts or sweatshirts for the 2019 show are available from Ron O'Kray or on the website.

The CCA will have a book out for the 2019 show.

The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers is proud to have (2) members of the CCA, Rich Wetherbee of Colorado Springs, Co. and Carol Leavy of Clinton, IA.

Car magnets advertising the 2019 show can be purchased for \$6.00 see Ron.

There being no other business, Sarajane Snyder made a motion, seconded by Echo Keller to adjourn. All members present approved the motion.

Note: "Thank You" to Ron O'Kray for taking the meeting minutes in my absence.

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Greg Wirtz	715-423-0471
Vice President	Clark Snyder	715-325-3489
Secretary	Sue Brzezinski	920-622-5958
Treasurer	Ronald O'Kray	715-341-2214
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Historian	Stan Carlson	715-341-3695
Sunshine	Marion O'Kray	715-341-2214
Seminar Coordinator	Chet James	715-347-0234
Hostess	Marion O'Kray	715-341-2214
Web Master	Bill Day	715-340-4056
Immediate Past President	Neil Rippey	715-340-7218

Our Club was started in the spring of 1995; it will be 24 years young in 2019!