

APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER



On April 10, 2019 at 6:35 PM, club President Greg Wirtz called the meeting to order at the 1st Congregational United Church of Christ in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Meeting was started earlier than usual because of impending snow.

MINUTES: No corrections were made to the March Newsletter. Clark Snyder made a motion to accept, seconded by Chet James. All in attendance approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Ron O’Kray gave the financial report. Income came from: 2019 Show Banquet, Tables at 2019 Show, Electricity at 2019 Show, Dues 2019, Sandy Smith seminar, Stevens Point placemat adds, sale of 2019 Car magnet, and sale of roughouts / plans from Stadlander Woodcarving. Expenses were for: Printing of March newsletter, stamps, small & medium gift bags for show banquet, rent of Lincoln Center for January, February, & March 2019, additional “Honorable Mention” ribbons for 2019 show, roughouts / plans from Stadlander Woodcarving, and ink for computer printer for club treasurer. A motion was made by Clark Snyder and seconded by Chet James to approve the treasurer’s report. All in attendance approved.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Marion O’Kray reported she sent a “Get Well” card to Duwayne Franson. We hope he is feeling better. She sent a sympathy card to Carol Yudis family on the loss of Larry Yudis. Marion thanked those club members that sent her a sympathy card on the loss of her sister.

OLD BUSINESS

- Tina Cooper made a motion to amend the bylaws Article V, Section 6 to read: “In appreciation for services of officers and directors as identified in Section 1, the officers and directors Show banquet meal will be paid for by the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers”. After discussion Ron Peters seconded the motion. All members in attendance approved. The proposed amendment will be announced at the March and April meetings prior to a vote at the April meeting. **Amendment passed.**

- Our club secretary (Sue Brzezinski) has resigned due to personal reasons. We thank her for her service. If you are interested in filling the remainder of Sue's term as secretary, contact club President Greg Wirtz.
- The club has been contacted by Catherine MacKay to see if we would be interested in demonstrating at Heritage Days at the Historical Park in Plover, WI on June 15 & 16 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Clark Snyder and David King were interested.
- The club has been asked to volunteer at Folk Fairs for 2nd graders at Elementary Schools in the Stevens Point area. Greg Wirtz & Kathy Krueger have volunteered to demonstrate at Bannach Elementary on Friday May 31st. Jerry Uher and Ron O'Kray have volunteered to demonstrate Amherst Elementary School on Thursday April 25th. Catherine MacKay has contacted us about volunteering to do a Folk Fair at Kennedy Elementary School in Junction City, WI on Friday May 24, 2019, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Lunch would be provided to volunteers. There would be (217) students from (K-6). David King, Greg Wirtz, and Clark Snyder volunteered.
- Jerry Uher has volunteered to demonstrate carving at June Dairy Days (June 15, 2019). We can advertise our upcoming show but not sell anything. They asked him to have primarily carvings of dairy cows or farm scenes. (Also woodburnings or paintings). If you can carve a cow for the display contact Jerry Uher. Vicki Brandt volunteered to do a drawing. Candy Prahl-Tell is working on a woodburning. Stu & Bernice Kepler and Ron Peters have volunteered to help Jerry.

MEMBERSHIP: We have **(125)** memberships paid for in **2019**.

2019 SHOW

1. We have **(146)** tables for the 2019 show sold already. We have **(12)** Tables left.
2. We have determined the menu for the Show banquet. The banquet meal is the same price as in 2018. Forms are available at tonight's meeting. **(40)** Guests have paid for the banquet already.
3. The club is carving a Nativity set for the 2019 Show Raffle. All pieces are out and **(6)** have been returned.
4. We have had an artificial Christmas tree donated and the club is going to raffle it off at the 2019 show with ornaments. We have (125) members in the club at this time, it would be nice if every member donated an ornament for the tree. Ornaments for the tree can be given to Ron O'Kray or Delores Zakoski. At the present time we have only (27) ornaments and a Tree Topper and these were donated by (15) members. **PLEASE HELP US OUT WITH THIS PROJECT.**
5. Ron has show flyers at tonight's meeting.

6. Show competition ribbons have been received, paid for, and processed.
7. We have (10) ads paid for the Stevens Point placemats.
8. The “Bumper Stickers” for the “Lawn Signs” have been received and installed.
9. Jerry Uher (Promotion Chairman”) informed the club that he contacted WDUX radio in Waupaca to get a date for a live morning broadcast. The club will be on the “air” twice. Jerry Uher, John Runke, and Rick Pacyna have volunteered to do the August 22nd interview while Greg Wirtz and Tina Cooper have volunteered to do that September 19th interview.

ALEXANDER HOUSE: Chet James reported that the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers are scheduled to display at the Alexander house from August 30 to October 15, 2019.

BOB TRAVIS SEMINAR: Bob Travis of Davis, CA will do a (3) day seminar prior to the show on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday September 16, 17, & 18, 2019 using a machined blank. The cost of the seminar will be \$225.00 including (1) blank. Additional blanks will be available for sale. He will have examples of what you can do with that blank. Seminar will be held at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, WI. He will take maximum of (12) students. We have **(6)** already paid.

SANDY SMITH SEMINAR: Sandy Smith of Lakeview, AR will be doing two (1) day classes “Carving a Critter”. Sandy’s critters are fun, easy, and relatively quick to carve. They are created from a 2” X 2” X 3” piece of basswood and carved from solid blocks, or blocks drilled either to be bottle toppers or toothpick holders. All Critters are sitting with their back feet forward and their front paws in front of them (except for the birds). This is a class that lets students create their own Critter or carve one from Sandy’s menagerie of go-bys. Reference materials (mostly dogs) will be available, however students can bring photos of critters they wish to carve, keeping in mind that “all views” (including the bottoms of the back of feet) will be needed and that some animals may be better critters than others. Hand tools used for roughing out and carving fine details will be needed. These little guys make excellent gifts that people treasure – especially “Critter” people. Her seminars will be Wednesday September 18, 2019 and Thursday September 19, 2019. The costs of her seminars are \$75.00 per day and the price of blanks are \$5.00. The seminars will be at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, WI. We have **(7)** carvers paid for the Wednesday seminar and **(9)** paid for the Thursday class. She will take maximum of **(12)** students in each class.

NEW BUSINESS

- Greg Wirtz will be starting a class on Wednesday nights on carving the “Pig in a Pail” roughout by Leah Goddard that the club purchased from Stadlander Woodcarvings.

- **RICH WETHERBEE SEMINAR:** Rich will be holding a (2) day seminar on June 10 & 11, 2019 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, WI. The cost of the class would be \$150.00 plus the cost of Roughouts or Clay. A registration form is attached. Rich will take minimum of (5) students and a maximum of **(12)**.
- **AWC:** We have been contacted to determine which class we want the \$100.00 that the club donated in 2018 for a “Cash Class Award 2019” to be used. A motion was made by Ron O’Kray and seconded by Karen Barten to let our club president Greg Wirtz decide. All in attendance approved. Also we discussed whether the club wanted to donate \$100.00 in 2019 for a “Cash Class Award” in 2020. After discussion, a motion was made by Clark Snyder and seconded by David King to donate \$100.00. All in attendance approved.
- Chet James informed the club that **The Woodcraft Shop” of Bettendorf, IA** has been purchased by the **Hummel Carving Co.” of Beloit, WI**. Chet said that “Hummel Carving Co.” will be at the carving show in Sheboygan, WI on Saturday April 13, 2019. He encouraged club members to attend the show in Sheboygan to meet the new owners as “Hummel Carving Co.” will be the supplier at the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers show in September.

UPCOMING CARVING EVENTS

- The Kettle Karvers Klub is holding its 29th annual “Artistry in Wood” carving show on Saturday April 13, 2019 at the Lakers Ice Center, 1202 South Wildwood Avenue, Sheboygan, WI from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Admission is \$2.00 (under 12 are free)
- “Carve In 3” will be held at the Bekkum, 206 North Main Street, Westby, WI on Saturday April 27, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. John Overby of Fifield, WI will be the featured carver. John is also a member of the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers. Free Admission.
- The Mid-Wisconsin Chippers will be holding their 45th Annual “Artistry in Wood” Woodcarving Show, Competition, & Sale on Sunday May 5, 2019 at the Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 North Main Street, Oshkosh, WI
- The Affiliated Woodcarvers Congress will be held in Maquoketa, IA from June 8 thru June 16, 2019. More information available either from Greg or on website.

- Lake County Carvers will be holding their Woodcarving Show on Saturday August 2, 2019 at the “Life Enrichment Center” 1306 West Wisconsin Ave. Oconomowoc, WI from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. More information on the website.
- The Musky Area Woodcarvers Workshop will be held from August 13 to 16, 2019 at the Community Center in Boulder Junction, WI. More information on the website.
- Madison (CACW) carving show will be held October 20, 2019 at the same place as last year. No details yet.

SHOW AND TELL

- Jerry Uher showed a Cowboy he carved from a Gerald Sears roughout.
- David King took a vacation in Biloxi, MS and while there, he carved a Lion Bust and a Buffalo Bust from roughouts.
- Carl Weinfurter showed a scroll sawed “Crooked Clock” that he made from a picture.

DOOR PRIZES: We had (6) packages of socks donated by an anonymous donor.

There being no other business Vice president Clark Snyder asked for a motion to adjourn. Karen Barten made a motion seconded by Dick Fleisner. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Submitted by: Ronald O’Kray
Treasurer / Show Chairman