

FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER



On February 13, 2019 at 7:10 PM, club President Greg Wirtz called the meeting to order at the 1st Congregational United Church of Christ in Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

MINUTES

- No corrections were made to the December 12, 2018 minutes; therefore the minutes will stand as sent. .

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Ron O’Kray gave the financial report. Income came from Christmas party 2018, Dues 2019, Tables @ 2019 Show, CCA / WRW Commemorative Knives, Bob Travis Seminar, Sale of Car Magnet, and Sandy Smith Seminar, Expenses were for Cookies for club meeting, Ink for computer printer for club treasurer, Printing of December newsletter, Stamps for mailing of December newsletter, Rent of Lincoln Center for December 2018, Coffee pot, Rental of U-Haul trailer to Christmas party gifts, (72) meals at Christmas party, Printing of (100) sets of show information to carvers who have already paid for a table in 2019, Postage stamps, Printing of (29) sets of information for carvers who had table in 2017 or 2018 but not in 2019, Copies of Holiday Inn Show layout, Insurance, Raffle License for 2019 Show, Balsa Foam for Kid’s carving at show, Supplies of for club historian, and mailing of Thank You cards to Christmas party anonymous donors. A motion was made by Clark Snyder and seconded by Ron Peters to approve the treasurer’s report. All in attendance approved.

MEMBERSHIP

- We have **(116)** memberships paid for in **2019**. Dues are \$24.00 and were due January 1st. The following 2018 members have not paid their 2019 dues;

Gene Bengal

Bob & Joan Collins

Al & Nancy Grozz

Rachel Johnson

John & Holly Pastori

Norb Simcakoski

Rich Wetherbee

Lindacarol Bunge

Bob Corriveau

John Gruenloh

Paul Murphy & Pat Williams

Tony & Barbara Resop

Gregg Thompson

Ed Wuytack

Sean Bunge

Ron & Barb Fisher

Dale & Pat Hetzel

Dennis & Linda Nash

Neil & Rhonda Rippey

Clare Viau

The February newsletter will be their last if dues are not paid.

2019 SHOW

1. We have **(132)** tables for the 2019 show sold already. We have **(27)** Tables left.
2. We have determined the menu for the Show banquet. The banquet meal is the same price as in 2018. A form is included with newsletter.
3. We have “Car Magnets” advertising the 2019 Show. The cost is \$6.00. See Ron.
4. A mailing went out to all carvers who had paid for a table in 2019. A second mailing went out to all carvers who had a table in 2017 or 2018 and had not paid for a table in 2019.
5. The club is carving a Nativity set for the 2019 Show Raffle. All pieces are out and (4) have been returned.
6. 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 (116) 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. At the present time we have only (21) ornaments and a Tree Topper and these were donated by (11) members.
7. Helvie Knives will have a table at our show in 2019. I originally sent them (200) of our show flyers to include in packages and advertise at shows they attend. I was then contacted for more flyers, I sent (400). Monday night I was again contacted saying they were running low on our show flyers. This time I sent (600). We wish to thank Helvie Knives for their part in advertising our show.
8. Ron has show flyers at tonight’s meeting.
9. A tentative 2019 Show layout of the Holiday Inn is available at tonight’s meeting for review.

SUNSHINE REPORT

- Marion O’Kray reported that she sent “Get Well” cards to: Duwayne Franson, Ken Brzezinski, and Shar Day. She also sent sympathy cards to Ron Peters on the loss of a brother and to Lynn Monte on the loss of husband Gary. Gary was a former member of the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers.

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.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

- We had (72) carvers and spouses sign up for the Christmas party. Everyone that attended had a great meal and good fellowship. We wish to thank Jeff and Pam Enerson for again being the Christmas party hosts.

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) days 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 many 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 (4) carvers paid for the Wednesday seminar and (7) paid for the Thursday class. She will take maximum of (12) students in each class.

NEW BUSINESS

- 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.
- Greg Wirtz brought asked if any carvers were interested in “Carving the Book’ in the Spring 2019 issue of Woodcarving illustrated. A show of hands show significant interest. Ron O’Kray will order the wood. Greg will lead the project when the wood arrives.
- 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. Clark & David asked if they had to be in costume. Ron will get further details.
- 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. Greg Wirtz and Bill Day have volunteered for Jefferson Elementary School on Friday May 17th

- Jerry Uher has volunteered to demonstrate carving at June Dairy Days. We can advertise our upcoming show. They asked him to have carvings of dairy cows or farm scenes. If you can carve a cow for the display contacts Jerry Uher.
- Bob Cline was at the meeting with tools to sell. He's getting out of carving and selling everything.
- 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 two consecutive meeting prior to a vote.

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 to follow.

SHOW AND TELL

- Richard Zakoski showed a Snowman he is carving from a Jon Nelson roughout.
- Ron O'Kray showed a spoon and a "Spork" that he carved.
- Greg Wirtz shoed a Neckerchief slide he is working on for an Eagle Scout in Idaho.

There being no other business at 7:50 PM Clark Snyder made a motion to adjourn seconded by Sarajane Snyder. All approved.

Submitted by: Ronald O'Kray
Treasurer / Show Chairman