



NOTES FOR CLUB MEETING 11-13-2019

By Ron O’Kray-Treasurer/Show Chairman

On November 13, 2019 @ 6:30 PM in the absence of club President and Vice President, Treasurer Ron O’Kray called the meeting to order at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

MINUTES: November 13, 2019 Meeting. Ken Brezinski motioned to accept the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Dave King. Motion accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Expenses: Printing of November newsletter, Rent of Lincoln Center for November 2019, Printing of the November newsletter.

Income: Dues 2020, Tables for 2020@ Show, Sales of 2020 Show Car Magnets.

Sunshine Report: Marion O’Kray reported everyone healthy in the month of October.

No changes were noted. Motion for accepting the reports of Treasurer and Sunshine reports by Ken Brezinski and seconded by Dick Fleisner. Motion accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Article VI Section 2: Annual election of officers in 2020:

President: Greg Wirtz

No correction were made. Motion to accept the President position Ken Brezinski and seconded by Dave King. Motion carried.

Vice President: Clark Synder

No corrections were made. Motion made to accept the position Vice President position made by Ron Peters & seconded by Ken Brezinski. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Ron O’Kray

No corrections were made. Motion made to accept the position of Treasurer by Ken Brezinski and seconded by Dave King. Motion carried.

Secretary: Karen Barten

No corrections were made. Motion made to accept the position of Secretary by Dick Fleisner and seconded by Ron Fischer. Motion carried.

Webmaster: Kyle Mallek

No corrections were made. Motion made to accept the position of Webmaster by Ron Fischer and seconded by Dick Fleisner. Motion carried.

Seminar Chairman: Chet James

No corrections were made. Motion made to accept the position of Seminar Chairman by Dave King and seconded by Tom Kissner. Motion carried.

Historian: Stan Carlson

No corrections were made. Motion made to accept the position of Historian by Dave King and seconded by Ken Brezinski. Motion carried.

Sunshine Person: Marion O’Kray

No corrections were made. Motion made to accept the position of Sunshine Person by Dick Fleisner and seconded by Dave King. Motion carried.

Librarian: Bill Jacobs

No corrections were made. Motion made to accept the position of Librarian by Dave King and seconded by Ken Brezinski. Motion carried.

Hospitality Person: Marion O’Kray

No corrections were made. Motion made to accept the position of Hospitality Person by Ken Brezinski and seconded by Dick Fleisner. Motion carried.

Show Chairman: Ron O’Kray

No corrections were made. Motion made to accept the position of Show Chairman by Ken Brezinski and seconded by Dave King. Motion carried.****

****Ron said that this year would be the last year he would hold this position.

We have been contacted to see if there would be a way that the children might be able to carve. We would need Balsom foam to be able to do this. Larry Shepard who does the kid’s carving at the show needs to be contacted about the attaining the Bolsum material. Catherine MacKay has asked if the club would be interested on demonstrating woodcarving at the RVSP Folk Fairs. Roosevelt Elementary 2nd graders are scheduled Friday November 15th from 9:15 to 11:15 AM. Setup would be 8:15 AM Dave King, Sandy Hartjes, and Deb Schenk volunteered to do that event—Thank You.

3 Christmas Party: Jeff and Pam Enerson are getting information for the Christmas Party in January. Ron talked to Pam and they are still working on this. We will update when information is available.

VIC HOOD SEMINAR:

Vic Hood will be teaching, “Carving a realistic human bust in Butternut.” The project will be smaller than life size. Vic has been carving and teaching for over 25 years. In that time, he has won over 100 awards for his work. In addition to winning awards, Vic has been asked to do a piece for the White House and in 2011 was the Woodcarving Illustrated Carver of the Year. He also had a 30 minute woodcarving show on the DIY network and published two books on carving. The first book “Carving Found Wood” won the Independent Book Publisher’s “Book of the Year” award. His commitment to teaching woodcarving is illustrated by his students winning more first place and “Best of Group” in the International Woodcarver’s Congress “Instructor Assisted” category than any other instructor ever at this show. Many of his students have gone on to win “Best of Show” awards all over the country. The class will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday September 15, 16, & 17, 2020 from 8:30AM to 4:30 PM at the Lincoln Center (Room A & B), 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI. The cost of the class will be \$225.00 **plus** blank (Blanks will run between \$40.00 and \$45.00) Pay Vic for the blank. Maximum number of students is (12). We have (3) already paid. Registration forms are on the website. www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org

Gregg Thompson Seminar

Gregg has been a woodcarver for over 25 years. His lovely wife Becky got him started. Gregg has been at Silver City in Branson, Missouri for 16 seasons. He has been teaching woodcarving classes for 15 years. He is primarily a caricature carver but also done realistic and other styles of carving. He also teaches advanced beginners too, as he has been a niche that was not being offered and wanted to fill it. Gregg has felt for a long time that beginning classes were few and far between and, as his mentor Ron Wells gave ample opportunity to many, many beginners, he wanted to honor his legacy and follow in his footsteps and teach the way he remembers being taught. In Gregg’s class there is a bunch of fun to be had. He encourages students to ask all the crazy questions they can as he is there for them to learn and have a great time. If students have never carved before, he recommends the bear first as it is designed for the true beginner and can be completed in the 3 day time frame. If you are more experienced, he has other caricatures. With this being a 3 day class, he will guarantee to complete at least one carving. He will supply paint and finish for the carving. Additional blanks are \$5.00. Gregg will have tools and safety gloves for sale. He does not permit X-acto style or box cutters knives. All students are required to wear a safety glove. The class will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday September 15, 16, & 17, 2020 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Lincoln Center (Room A & B), 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI. The cost of the class will be \$125.00 with 1st blank provided for caricature class. Registration forms are on the website. www.wisconsinriverwoodcarving.org

MEMBERSHIP: We have (139) memberships paid for in 2019 and (41) paid for in 2020. Dues for the year 2020 are due January 1st 2020. The dues are \$24.00 and this has not been that since the beginning of our club, (1995) without any increases. Peg Mueller of Manitowoc, WI, Mike & Brenda Lodermeiers of St. Cloud, MN, and Barb Schenk of Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Welcome to all the new members.

2020 SHOW

We will have a Show Committer meeting following our regular monthly meeting, all are welcome to attend. If you should like to become more involved in the show, the meeting will keep you up to date and knowledgeable as to what is being done and what we are doing. Opportunity are open for suggestions, working closely with other members of the club and volunteering for the working on the show committee.

Jerry Uher informed us that he will not be the “**Show Promotion Chairman**” next year (2020) due to personal reasons. Thank you for your dedication and work in making the show a success.

Ron O’Kray informed Greg Wirtz that 2020 will be his last year as show chairman. We need volunteers to take on that show responsibility.

We have (60) tables paid for the 2020 show.

The nativity will again be done for the 2020 show. We would like to have all cut out by the December meeting. Due to popular demand we will be making ornaments for the tree on the raffle. We have the tree and the tree topper has been promised. We look forward to the carved ornaments donations for the tree in the 2020 show.

NEW BUSINESS: Upcoming carving events:

The **Ozark Woodcarving Seminar** will be held in Springfield, MO from March 15 to 20, 2020. More information is on the website.

Carve in 4 at the Bakkum will be held on Saturday April 25, 2020 in Westby, WI. Hours are from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Contact John Sutton (608-634-4396) for more information.

The **Mid-Wisconsin Chippers** will be holding their 46th “Artistry in Wood” Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 Main Street, Oshkosh, WI, on Sunday, May 3, 2020 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. More information on the website.

The **International Woodcarvers Congress** show dates are from Friday, June 18 to 21, 2020. Check out their website www.qwcltd.org for more information.

The 2020 **U.S. Bodgers Ball and Green Wood Festival** will be held Friday June 26 thru 28, 2020 at Grundahl Park in Mount Horeb, WI. (A Bodger is a craftsman who turns wood into chairs, bowls, cups, and spoons, traditionally doing their work in the woods). More information on Facebook: US Bodgers Ball and Green Wood Festival.

The **Musky Area Wood Carvers Workshop** will be held in Bolder Junction, WI. From August 11 to 14, 2020. More information at website www.MuskyAreaWoodcarvers.org

We are NOT meeting to carve, the week of November 25 Happy Thanksgiving

No other new business, Ken Brezinski made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Dave King seconded. Motion accepted @ 7.01PM

