

December 2020 Newsletter



By Karen Barten / Secretary

President Greg Wirtz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes from November Meeting: No corrections, Accepted as written.

Sunshine Report: Marion O’Kray reported that she sent Get Well cards to Richard & Sheryl Asada and Darrel Anderson. We hope that they all are feeling better. She also sent Sympathy cards to Becky Engstrand and Bobbi O’Shasky on the loss of their brother.

Membership: We have (127) memberships in 2020. We have (11) memberships paid for in 2021. Dues are \$24.00 per year and due on January 1, 2021. Make check payable to Wisconsin River Woodcarvers. Send dues to:

Wisconsin River Woodcarvers
Ronald O’Kray – Treasurer
1449 Sunny Crest Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54482

Treasurer’s Report:

- **Income** came from: Sale of Floyd Rhadigan “Santa with lantern roughouts, Dues 2021, Christmas Party 2020 Donations, and Sale of “Pig in a Pail” roughout.
- **Expenses** were for: Rental of Nepco Lake shelter for November 11 & 18, 2020, Cookies for club meeting, Rental of Central Wisconsin Cultural Center from January 6 to March 31, 2021, Club Membership cards, and Paper Coffee cups.
- A motion was made by Ron Peters and seconded by Dick Fleisner to approve the treasurer’s report. All in attendance agreed.

Old Business:

- We have a Donation container to offset the cost of meeting at the NepcoLake shelter,
PLEASE DONATE
- The club will meet at the Nepco Lake shelter on December 16, 2020. This will be the last meeting in 2020.
- On January 6, 2021 the club will start meeting at the Central Wisconsin Cultural Center, 2651 8th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI from 5:30 to 8:30 PM.

- The club will **not** meet on January 13th because of the Christmas party. We will **not** have business meeting in January because of the Christmas party.
- Beginning January 20th, we will meet every Wednesday at the Central Wisconsin Cultural Center from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. If we have to cancel a Wednesday night meeting, you will be notified by E-mail.
- Carl Weinfurter has volunteered to make a cabinet for club storage at the Central Wisconsin Cultural Center. The club will reimburse Carl for materials. We thank Carl for volunteering.
- **CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday January 13, 2021 at Smiley's Banquet Hall, 4020 County R, Plover, WI. The cost of the banquet is \$25.00 per person (Includes tax and gratuity). We will be having an ornament and gift exchange. If you bring an ornament or gift, you will get an ornament or gift. We have to give Smiley's a final count for party on January 5, 2021. Ken & Sue Brzezinski are your hosts. Send payment for banquet to Treasurer Ron O'Kray. We have (15) members who have already paid for banquet.
- **ALEXANDER HOUSE:** The following members will be displaying:

Echo Keller	Diane Swiggum	Ron O'Kray	Greg Wirtz
Jeff Enerson	Carl Weinfurter	Ray Reas	Randy Hartjes
Dick Fleisner	Tom Kissner	David King	

This is the timeline for the show Opening Friday, January 15, 2021 - February 23, 2021

*Delivery day will be **Wednesday, January 13, 2021 from noon to 2:00 PM**. We usually schedule a two hour block of time for the group to deliver their works. **Artists will need to sign up for a time during the two hour time frame to deliver work so that social distancing can be accomplished.** We like to get the work in and place it that afternoon, then we hang it the following morning. All you will need to do is drop it off! **We will require masks when delivering work.***

*The Opening will be on **Friday, January 15, 2021 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM** we like the artists to be there by about 4:30 just to walk through and check to see if everything looks right. **At this time, we have not definitely decided how the reception will go forth. Artists and visitors will need to be masked. There will be a limit on the number of people allowed in the house at one time so that social distancing can be accomplished. There will not be refreshments served.***

*Pick up of the work will be **Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 4:00 PM**. The house is open that day for visitors from 1:00 - 4:00 PM.*

Chet James volunteered to be the coordinator from the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers with the Alexander House.

Wisconsin River Woodcarvers 2021 Show:

- The 2021 show will be held on September 18 & 19 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point.
- Larry Shepard has informed the club that he will not be in charge of the Kid's Carving for the show in 2021. We need a volunteer for this important position.
- All Raffle donations made for 2020 will be used for the 2021 show. We need many more raffle prizes. The Nativity pieces carved for the 2020 show will be used for the 2021 show. We still have some carvers who have not turned in their Nativity pieces. When you are carving Christmas ornaments, carve an extra one for the Christmas tree that we will give away at the 2021 show.

Future Shows:

- Ron O'Kray volunteered for the show chairman's position in 2021. Ron requests that someone volunteer to "intern or apprentice" with him, so that we will have a show chairman in 2022.

New Business:

- Future Club carving projects? At this time we do not have anything planned. If you have any suggestions Please talk to Greg or Ron with suggestions.
- Greg Wirtz is working on an outhouse ornament. He will have blanks at the December 16th meeting.
- Ron & Marion O'Kray gave out small donated gifts to all in attendance.
- There being no other business President Greg Wirtz asked for a motion to adjourn. Marion O'Kray made the motion seconded Dick Fleisner. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

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