

Southwest Woodcarvers Association

September 8, 2018 Informational Meeting

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as posted.

Vince gave the Treasurer's Report and it was approved.

Jack Erickson gave the Health and Welfare Committee report for Susan Kleismit, as she is recuperating from a fall and will be out of commission several months. Jack also reported that those SWA members who visited the Saddlebrook carvers had a very good time and were warmly received.

Rob Arnberger announced that the proposed revisions to the club Constitution and By-Laws are posted on the website and reminded us that we will be voting on them at the October meeting. Please read them and be prepared to vote.

Bill Mize thanked Jack and Michalyn Erickson for the refreshments and coffee for today's meeting. And thanks to Gary Mims, for teaching our mini class on chip carving the basket weave pattern today.

Feliza Williams volunteered to chair the Pumpkin Carving event and Erin Provancha offered to help her. Erin and Jack Erickson offered to help transport the pumpkins. Bill Mize will call St. Phillips Plaza for the dates. Betty Ferrari said the date would be 10/27-28.

There was a discussion about the need for a first aid kit to be available at our club events. Michalyn Erickson offered to purchase/provide one and the club set a maximum amount of \$30 towards the cost.

It is time for us to think about who we would like to see in the officers and board positions next year. Gary Mims is chairing the Nominating Committee and if he asks you to serve, please consider doing so. It is an honor to be asked.

Jack Erickson described a request from the VA Hospital for somebody who could restore a chain carved Eagle that has suffered from exposure to the elements and pests. He would be happy to show photos and share contact information with any member who is interested in taking on the project.

Jerry Berg reminded us that he could still use more blocks for the Friendship Cane. Some of our members have taken blocks to carve and not yet returned them. Please get them finished and bring them to him as soon as possible.

Betty Ferrari says the Christmas Party is on track and will again be at El Corral. It will be on the second Saturday in December, replacing the regular meeting.

Doris Trinko will host Open Carving September 20.

Our **October 13, 2018** meeting is a regular business meeting and we will vote on the Revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Show and Tell—Rob Arnberger showed his birds and a caricature. Bud Chamberlain showed his bark carving. Jerry Berg had his Hound and Hare. Karen Berg brought her Basset Hound. And Lynn Smith showed his water wheels.

Tricia Jennings won the 50/50.

Door prizes were won by Jack Erickson (scroll saw books), Brad Caryl (basswood), Feliza (carving book), Bill Mize (calipers) and Erin Provancha (dividers).

Meeting adjourned at 12:10.