

Southwest Woodcarvers Association

November 2018 Special Board Meeting

Bill called the meeting to order and asked for adoption of the previous minutes as posted. Approved. Vince gave the Treasure's report and it was approved as read.

Bill suggested we provide funds up to \$50 to purchase respectable looking business cards for our Club Ambassador. Board approved.

Bill and Jack Erickson presented the opportunity for SWA to join the Visual and Textile Arts of Tucson (VTAT), which would provide space for us to hold our meetings and be part of the arts community in Tucson. With the Ferraris moving out of the park, we would need a new sponsor to stay at Rincon Country, and historically, we have been given 30 days to relocate, which leaves us scrambling for whatever we can find. This opportunity comes at a good time, considering our sponsorship requirements. The monthly rent is the same as we are currently paying. After questions and concerns were discussed, the board of directors voted to recommend the club join VTAT and start meeting there as soon as their schedule allows. Bill heartily thanked Betty and Vince for their sponsorship of the club which allowed us to use the clubhouse at Rincon Country Mobile Home Park East all these years.

Meeting closed.

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November 2018 Special General Meeting

Bill Mize called for the adoption of the October meeting minutes as posted. Approved.

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

Bill welcomed our visitors, Odie Tilt and David Villareal, Jr, to today's meeting. David joined the club today.

Sstanding Committee reports:

Health and Welfare- Susan Kleismit is doing better.

Bill Milligan is better and visited today.

Judith Thomasson is out of the hospital and recovering after heart surgery, and hoping to start heading in this direction soon. They are still back east.

Jack Erickson (ambassador) gave the dates for the Yuma Carving Expo (Jan 18-19, 2019)

Bill reminded us that we did not hold Pumpkin Carving this year and he hopes we can resume in the future.

Jerry Berg reminded members who still haven't completed their blocks for the Friendship Cane to get them in ASAP.

One of the VA canes needs a finish applied.

Brad Caryl is chairing the Pima County Fair volunteers for 2019, and hopes we can resume our participation on weekends only. Please let him know if you can help. The Fair dates are April 18-28 and we only need to cover Sat and Sun.

Vince reported for Betty that the Christmas Party is planned and everything is all set. We will open the doors at El Corral Restaurant at 11, have social time until food is served at noon. Those who haven't sent in their registrations to Betty should do so by Dec 1. The meal choices are prime rib, ½ rack of ribs or chicken, for \$30/person. Checks should be made to SWA.

Mark Erickson reports that we need volunteers for the demonstrations during the Saddlebrook Fine Arts event March 2, when we will be there for our show, in tandem with their event.

Another volunteer opportunity coming up in 2019 is helping at the Desert Woodcarving Show in Mesa, March 16 and 17. Contact Bill Mize to be sure you are on the schedule at a convenient time for your visit to the show. They really appreciate SWA help during the show!

Thank you, Barb Sorenson, for today's snacks! And thank Jack Erickson for making the coffee. Judeen Berry conducted a class in Pine Needle Weaving today and we appreciate her time and efforts!

The slate of officers and board members was presented and elected as follows:

President Bill Mize, Vice Pres. Jerry Berg, Secretary Michalyn Erickson, Treasurer Jo Mize. We had three nominees for 2 Board of Directors positions (Rob Arnberger, Karen Berg and Feliza Williams) and elected Rob Arnberger and Karen Berg. A reminder...these are 2 year terms. Officers and Board members assume their duties at the January meeting.

Bill and Jack presented the opportunity to join Visual and Textile Arts of Tucson (VTAT) and relocate our meetings to their facility at the Dunbar Pavilion, 325 W 2nd St, Tucson, Room 206. The Board recommended that we take advantage of the opportunity, as timing is very good, exposure to the arts community is great, and the cost is the same as we pay now. It was moved and seconded that we approve this move, and passed unanimously. When the move date is scheduled, all members will be notified of the move date. Until then, continue to meet at Rincon Country East as usual. This move may take a few months to schedule.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michalyn Erickson, Secretary