

Southwest Woodcarvers Association, Inc.

Jan 11, 2020 Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 by Bill Mize. Visitors this month were Alicia Swain, Steve Wade and Gilles Mallet. The November minutes were approved as posted. Jo gave the Treasurer's Report and it was approved as presented.

Thank you to all of the members who helped Bill and Jo put out the snacks and clean up the kitchen. This club thrives on cooperative efforts!

Thank you, Rob Arnberger, for the mini class on Boots. Several carvers took advantage of your expertise.

We still need a coordinator for Pumpkin Carving in 2020. We have been without a chairperson for two years, and the Board of Directors has decided that if we have no volunteers by the March 2020 meeting, the event will be skipped again this year. That means no monies raised for the Square and Compass Children's Clinic. We would like to ask the membership to make suggestions of ways to fundraise and continue this donation in place of the Pumpkin Carving. Please give your ideas to any Board Member so we have several ideas to consider.

Health and Welfare: Peggy Huffman has been very ill recently, We wish her well. And Karen Berg is recovering right on schedule and going home soon.

Club Ambassador Jack Erickson gave the dates for Texas Woodcarvers Guild (Mar 28-Apr 3, Kerrville TX), Creede Woodcarving Rendezvous (July 11-17, Creede, CO), and Desert Woodcarvers Show (Feb 22-23, Mesa AZ). Also, a George Eaton has contacted our club in search of a carver to duplicate a lions head foot of an antique piece of furniture. Nobody offered to accept the challenge at this meeting.

Lynn Smith reported the status of the canes and staffs for the Veterans' Hospital. He took a show of hands on whether the carvers preferred working on Diamond Willow or plain staffs. It would seem the preference is Diamond Willow, so Joan Eerkes will ask the wood vendor in Mesa if they would donate some as they have done so in the past.

Brad Caryl reported on the Pima County Fair booth. He needs volunteers for the weekends of Apr 18-19 and 25-26 for at least a couple of hours. Also, he is collecting donations of Ivory Soap bars for the soap carving table. Last year we went through over 500 bars, so donations are welcome—bars or cash and Brad will shop.

Bill Mize explained that we have two board vacancies to fill. Anybody interested in being a member of the board of directors can let him know. He will be appointing members to fill those positions.

Show and Tell

Brad did a relief carving in bass wood. Jack did a stylized bird from soapstone. Dick Minch did a pumpkin lapel pin of bass wood with acrylic paint and two Christmas tool pouch

50/50 Jim Thompson walked away with \$9.

Raffle items were won by Vince Ferrari (carving tool box), Feliza Williams (Chip carving book), Joan Eerkes (carving book), Gilles Mallet (tool carousel) and Lynn Smith (tool pouch).

Doris Trinko invited anyone interested in carving or woodburning with her in Benson to come any Tuesday morning.

Billl reminded us that we need to clean up the room and leave tables in the same placement as when we arrived today. Meeting adjourned at 12:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Michalyn Erickson, Secretary