

## **Southwest Woodcarvers Association, Inc.**

### **Feb 2020 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by president Bill Mize. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the January minutes as posted on the website. Visitors were Harlyn Oppeboen (who also joined!), returning member Nancy McCullagh, Steve and Joan Wade. Welcome to all!

Jo gave the Treasurer's report, and it was moved, seconded and approved to accept the report as presented. Jerry Berg distributed tenure pins for Louise Thompson 30 yrs, Earl Bradshaw 5 years, Fred Hancock 5 years, Karen and Jerry Berg 15 years each.

Feliza and Susan gave the Health and Welfare report. Karen Berg is doing well, as evidenced by her attendance today! A card was sent to Doug Raine after a bad fall. Cristel Busby is well, but doesn't much drive into town these days. She is still carving, though. And Bill Millikan is up, walking and regaining his strength, but suffering the grief of the loss of his son.

Jack Erickson, club ambassador, asked if there is a religious carver who might be interested in following through on a request to the club from the website.

Lynn Smith has canes and staffs for carving/wood burning for the Veterans, and Brad has made some handles for those who prefer not to carve an Eagle handle. More are available.

In Brad's absence, Bill asked for those who have not already signed up for a shift at the Pima County Fair to please check the sign up sheet and see if you could cover a shift.

Thanks to Jim Wurr, snacks and coffee are here for us today.

Thanks to Dave Myers, several members enjoyed bark carving at today's mini class.

Entries for competition in the Mesa (Desert Woodcarving) show and the Southwest Woodcarvers Show (Saddlebrooke) can be taken to check in by Jack Erickson. They must be packed for travel and entry forms for each item must be completed by the carver.

Under New Business, a motion was made to nominate Gary Mims for Life Member in appreciation for all the support, loyalty and dedication he has given to the club over his long membership. The motion was eagerly carried in a unanimous vote!! Gary will be presented his Life Membership Certificate in person.

Rob Arnberger moved that in lieu of the Pumpkin carving fundraising, we donate the proceeds of the raffle held at our show to the Square and Compass Children's Clinic. The motion was seconded and carried.

Next month Jerry Berg will distribute boot blanks for members to carve at home. Then they will bring the completed boots back to the April meeting, where voting will be done and winners announced. Be thinking of your design so you will be ready to start.

Show and Tell: Rob Arnberger brought his cactus wren, carved out of tupelo, complete with butterfly it caught (wings from artificial flower, thanks to a raid on Elvira's decorating). Jerry Berg brought "Mouse", a caricature man wearing a hat, out of which popped the mouse.

50/50: Rich Yeager won the proceeds from 50/50.

Raffle: Bob Ratterman	cottonwood bark
Susan Kleismit	tool
Jim Thompson	bark carving
Rich Yeager	book
Judeen Berry	pocket knife
Dick Johnson	blanks

The meeting closed at 12:00. Michalyn Erickson, Secretary