

General Meeting Minutes Sun City West Woodworking Club 01/07/2024 at Palm Ridge

Meeting called to order:

At 1:00 pm by Art Lincoln

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present:

Art Lincoln	Jim Casey
Ed Sproull	Merrickay Vidal
Tim Ogle	Gary Rippentrop
	Bill Gentry

Club Member/Visitors:

81 members in attendance. A Quorum was met.

Connie & Karen spoke about the Relay for Life of the Sun Cities, an American Cancer Society fundraiser. They have formed a team called the Woodshed Warriors, if you would like to join the team, see the flyer for contacts. We have luminaries for a \$10 donation, there will also be raffles at the event, and we'd love to have you sponsor or donate more to the team. You can drop off donations of cans or anything for the raffles at the club. The event is at Beardsley Park on February 16th from 3 to 8pm. Cancer survivors that attend will get a free dinner and T-Shirt. There will be speakers and entertainment. The website is www.relayforlife.org/suncitiesaz.

Secretaries:

December general meeting minutes were posted on the club website and bulletin board. Motion to approve December meeting minutes by, Bill Riedel, seconded by, Steven Klingaman, motion carried.

Treasurer:

Our financial goal for the club is to run at net zero. We reduced dues this year because of the amount of money we had at the end of the year. We also have CDs making money, we've had to add money to our machinery reserve fund. Classes are holding their own.

Vice President, Ron Wilson

No report.

Committee Reports:

Education, Jim Casey

- We will be reinstating the Natural Edge Bowl class later this month.
 - Bill Kram and Stan Brown will be teaching this class.
- Dave Bruan will also be introducing later this month, a new and different kind of class called “Making Levitating Lid Boxes”
 - Contact Dave for more information.

Social: Mike McLellan & Roger Hunzeker

February will be a social, we will have another social in April. We have three active social committee members, looking for more. Please answer the online survey that we will be sending out, looking for what the members are looking for and we want to know what we are doing right, and what needs to be improved upon. The Christmas party was a great success, want to keep the prices down for socials and parties for everyone.

Art Lincoln talked about the Christmas party. It cost the club \$8,500 for the food, we brought in \$3,000 from tickets. The club paid for decorations. The raffle brought in \$1,860. There were lots of door prizes and raffle items. The food was catered by Classic Catering, next year we will make sure there are more beverages and “whip cream”. Appreciate all of the members that volunteered to make it a success, and all of the members that came to the party.

Safety, Ed Sproull

We now have a new toy in the club called the shaper origin. It's a “hand held CnC router”. You can use the design software in the library to set it up. There is a table set up in the shop in the back corner by the big lathe. You will need to be trained/certified on the Shaper before use. There is a lot of information on the library computers to learn more about the Shaper. Our website has a tab under classes that will give you more information and sign ups once you are certified on that machine. It makes making dove tail boxes really easy. This item will not be allowed to be taken out of the shop.

Maintenance, Gary Rippentrop

Starting Friday (10 January), you will need to check out collets, we will have ¼” & ½” collets available in the tool room.

Art talked about sand paper, and how we are going through sand paper because people are sanding glued items before they are fully cured or taking too much material on a pass and burning the sand paper from the friction. If you are on a long project, use the erasers on the sand paper in between. Thursdays are maintenance day, shop will close at 3pm every week to get the machines ready for everyone. A Great way to ruin equipment, we had an epoxy project that had rocks in it, it took out 50 teeth - be mindful of what you put through the equipment, the planer will be back up as soon as parts come in.

President, Art Lincoln

Nomination forms for the next board are on the grey board in the shop. At the February meeting if you are interested we will give you a few minutes to talk to the membership. We have some candidates for positions, encourage any one else that's interested to submit a nomination form. March will be voting, and the new board will start in April.

The board is investigating head sets for use during classes so the instructor can instruct and students can hear while equipment is being used.

Old Business:

T Shirts are available for purchase in the lumber room. We are making less than a dollar per shirt.

Tool Crib, renovations are starting. We have 4 new DeWalt tools and batteries. There are multiple teams working on this project. New cabinets will be going in, when we have time - without closing the shop for the project.

New Business:

None

Upcoming Events

- Next Board meeting, January 13th, Stampede Room, 10am
- Next General membership meeting, February 4th, Palm Ridge, 1pm

Motion to adjourn by: Ralph Kwapiszeski, seconded by: Royce Hall, meeting adjourned at 1:44pm

Submitted by Tim Ogle