



Western New York Woodturners Club 1

Newsletter & Minutes of Meeting Held 03/01/18

Maryvale High School Wood Shop
1050 Maryvale Drive
Cheektowaga, New York 14225

- The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Joe Wiesnet, President
- 24 regular members were present over the course of the meeting
- Mike Swords from Maryvale High School stopped in at our meeting and explained that because of school security reasons, we can no longer prop the door open for members to walk into the meetings.
 - We need to have someone near the door to open it for arriving members (it seems like there usually is once a bunch of people are there).
 - When arriving at the meeting, please knock on the garage door window to get someone's attention so you can enter.
 - Please note - this only applies when there are other classes and students in the building - we should be able to keep the big garage door open during the warmer summer months.
 - One more thing to note - we were also told that the driveway along the building where we generally have vehicles parked is considered a Fire Lane. The bottom line is that the Cheektowaga Police can issue tickets if they "happen" to drive by (apparently there have been some complaints).
 - If you have any questions, please email any of the officers or bring them up at the next meeting so everyone can benefit from them.
- Pete Campana, Vice-President
 - Demos
 - Today – Ray Bissonette on off-set turning
 - Need demos for April and beyond
 - Post-Meeting note – Jim Vasi has volunteered to demo at the April meeting how to make the doorstops that Joe Wiesnet is promoting for the Club to make for the Fair. Handout sheets with instructions will be available at the meeting.
 - Turn-A-Thon scheduled for Jun 2nd
 - Sign-up sheet is available
 - Is for all levels of turners
 - Make-A-Wish at the Erie County Fair
 - August 8-19
 - It's never too early to start thinking about making items for the Fair
 - Club Auction – October meeting
 - Aspire Christmas party in December
 - Fit Happens Zuma-A-Thon
 - Pete received donations for the event – thanks for your continuous support of Make-A-Wish!
 - March 11th at Daemen college



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- John Lilley, Webmaster – absent
 - He gets two demerits for not letting us know he won't be at the meeting. haha
- Jim Vasi read the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Norm Kosmerl

February Balance:	\$3,158.45
Deposits:	
50/50	27.00
Dues: Beaton, Watson, Todd, Walther – J, Walther – D, Weinheimer, Stapell, Scaglione	150.00
	177.00
Withdrawals:	
	0.00
Ending Balance	\$3,335.45
- Kathy Nowicki, Secretary
 - Looking for volunteers to proof-read the minutes before distributing
 - We decided to randomly pick or have members volunteer
 - Bob Ball and Jim Vasi this month
 - Saying names when going up for Show and Tell is helpful for the minutes, as well as helpful for everyone to learn member's names without surreptitiously trying to read their nametags
- Joe Wiesnet – President
 - 2018 Showcase Event in Rochester – all kinds of woodworking
 - April 21st from 10 am – 4 pm
 - Eisenhart Auditorium at the Rochester Museum & Science Center
 - Totally Turning in Saratoga Springs later this month
 - Good symposium
 - Mid-Atlantic Symposium
 - Sept 29-30
 - Downtown Lancaster, PA
 - President's Challenge
 - Each month until the Fair, Joe will have a monthly challenge for us to make an item for the Fair. A drawing of participating members will be drawn at the following month's meeting for a piece of wood from Joe's private stock (cherry next month).
 - This month's challenge is to make a Fish Wine Bottle Holder – Larry Scaglione showed us one, and has a pattern available.
 - The pattern is included with the minutes, as well as instructions.
 - It is extremely important to make the holder the size on the pattern, or it will not balance correctly.
 - We also need doorstops for the Fair, and items we need most for the Fair will be the monthly challenges!
 - 2019 Fall Professional Demo



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- Joe will provide websites to view for some turners that we might be interested in having do a demo and hands-on instructions for us. Take a look and decide what you would like to learn and we can discuss it at a future meeting.
- We need people for room/audio setup and cleanup each month
- Frank Becker
 - Thank you from Marlene – she has had one hip and two knees replaced – the other hip will be replaced soon.
 - Has turning tools for sale – taking bids.
- Gene Renzoni – Aspire report
 - Mike Holley from Aspire called Gene – his position was eliminated and wanted to say thank you to all of the club members and he will think of us every Christmas.
- More Fair ideas:
 - Toothpick Holders
 - Whistles
- 50/50 Drawing:
 - \$49 - \$24 for the club and \$25 for the member
 - Congrats to me!
- Club hats are for sale - \$12 each
- Show and Tell:
 - The following members presented an item that they made:
 - Larry Scaglione
 - Mike Gotthelf
 - Mark Williams
 - Frank Becker
 - Rich Mialki
 - Rick Rosa
 - Gene Renzoni
 - Stuart Wiesmore
 - Mark Rivard
 - David Day
 - Ward Beaton
 - Ray Bissonette
 - Joe Wiesnet
 - Kathy Nowicki
 - Gene Renzoni, Ray Bissonette, and Ward Beaton won gift cards/certificates – congrats all!
- Club Demonstration:
 - Ray Bissonette did a demonstration on offset turning.
- Next Meeting:
 - Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5th, 2018, at 7:00 pm in the Maryvale High School Shop



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- We are always looking for members to do demonstrations or give us some ideas for our programs. If you would like to do a demo for us, have any new ideas, or are just interested in learning something specific, mention it to our Vice-President Pete Campana, utilize the MyGrove app, or e-mail me and I will process it for you.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Nowicki, Secretary