



Western New York Woodturners Club 1

Newsletter & Minutes of Meeting Held 07/02/19

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 and three guests were present over the course of the meeting
- John Lilley, Webmaster (absent) – Deb Korwin filling in
 - Everything is up to date
- Norm Kosmerl, Treasurer – Jim Vasi filling in
 - Treasurer’s Report

June Balance:			\$3,229.76
Deposits:			
50/50	30.00		
Hat	12.00		
Dues – Cardenuto	20.00	62.00	\$3,291.76
Withdrawals:			
None	0.00	0.00	
Ending Balance			\$3,291.76

- Kathy Nowicki, Secretary
 - Usually don’t have much to say – tonight is no different
- Deb Korwin – Photographer
 - Everything seems good
- Stuart Wiesmore, Librarian
 - Videos to borrow – free of charge!
 - Has tickets for sale for Ashley Harwood – sold 5 already! Go, Stuart!!
- Pete Campana, Vice-President
 - Demos:
 - Tonight’s demo – Joe Wiesnet – biscuit cutter (for edible dough biscuits, not wood-connecting biscuits) ☺
 - Need demos for September, October, and November
 - August and December are the Fair and Christmas pizza parties
 - Audio/Visual needs
 - Will have a wireless mike for the next meeting
 - Calendar of Events – 2019
 - Make-A-Wish at the Erie County Fair
 - August 7th – 18th
 - Updates from throughout the evening:
 - Pepper will have the key to the new space, and we can start retrofitting if needed – has tickets available tonight for the volunteers
 - Leon Nowicki brought up that he works setup and teardown and has had issues getting in (especially for tear-down)
 - Pepper will have tickets available for tear-down
 - The Fair decided not to provide a tent for us, but stated we could provide our own (instead of having to use their designated vendor; it cannot be a simple pop-up tent); Joe Wiesnet offered his tent from



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- Buffalo Woodturning Products – it is very sturdy and is what is required by the Fair Committee; Joe’s “sign people” are making a sign to be strung across the opening of the tent;
- Thank you, Joe!!
 - A leveling platform is not needed
 - Jim Vasi spoke with our insurance broker and we ARE covered for events like the Fair and demonstrations.
 - Does the Raffle become an Auction?
 - We CANNOT have a raffle at the Fair.
 - There was a lively discussion about doing a silent auction – lots of ideas from numerous members.
 - We will absolutely have a minimum bid for each item.
 - This will be further discussed and decided upon by the Wood Turners’ Fair Committee.
 - We need lots more items to sell at the Fair – please bring in more!
 - Fair Refreshments for the workers:
 - Buffalo Woodturning Products has donated to the fund
 - A motion was made, voted on and passed that Club 1 also donate to the fund
 - Pricing/Sorting Meeting – Thursday, July 25th at Bob Ball’s house
 - More are welcome!!
 - October – Ashley Harwood professional demo
 - Changed to October 12-14
 - Tickets are \$35 each for the demo (Saturday)
 - Hands-on classes are \$80 for the day (Sunday and Monday)
 - At Buffalo Woodturning Products – 274 Cayuga Rd, Suite 900R, Cheektowaga, NY 14225
 - Doors open at 8 am
 - December – Aspire Christmas party – date to be determined
 - Bill Anderson (from Club 2) was present and offered free wood (for woodturning, not firewood) – contact him for details!
 - Joe Wiesnet, President
 - Joe Wiesnet brought up that he and Kathy Nowicki designed the Ashley Harwood tickets and they are ready to sell!!
 - Thanks to those who help with setup, clean-up, and audio visual each meeting; and thanks to Debbie Korwin for stepping in to help photograph our items.
 - There is still a bit of donated cherry wood donated by Gary Hallick & Mark Ernst in honor of his father, Loren. It was given for Make-A-Wish and Aspire projects by any of the clubs members. The wood is located in the front entryway at Buffalo Woodturning Products. Feel free to stop by and get some. **Please. Joe REALLY needs the space.**
 - President’s Challenge
 - July’s turning challenge will be a Biscuit Cutter – remember, it’s for dough, not wood!
 - July’s flatwork challenge will be Salad Tongs – we always sell out at the Fair!
 - Still looking for suggestions of new projects for future months



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- New classes are available at Buffalo Woodturning and Rockler
 - Check each website for selections or talk to Joe for BWP, or Jim Vasi for Rockler
 - www.buffalowoodturningproducts.com
 - www.rockler.com
- Purchasing a new lathe:
 - We had tabled the discussion of purchasing a new lathe at the June meeting since Joe Wiesnet offered to provide a lathe for use at the Fair
 - We still need a new lathe so keep it in the back of your mind – it needs to happen – not necessarily right away, but at some point.
- WNY Woodturners – Purpose Statement
 - Part of it is *“Teach, Share, Learn”*
 - Joe is challenging us to increase our vision to include more things like attending a workshop, etc.
 - Give it some thought – we will discuss more at a future meeting
- Buffalo Woodturning Products’ Open House
 - Saturday, November 2nd from 9 am – 4 pm
 - Live remote video presentation with Mike Mahoney
 - Joe considers him to be one of the world’s top three turners
 - Stop in any time – don’t have to be there all day
- Scroll Saw Club
 - The Scroll Saw Club built a huge working Ferris wheel in a display box and has donated it to be Sold/Auctioned at the Fair!
 - Motorized, in a display box
 - There has to be thousands of pieces/cuts!
 - Joe W suggested to the Erie County Fair personnel that they purchase it for display in their corporate offices
 - They also donated about 500 small items to be sold at the Fair!
 - Note to everyone about copying patterns: make sure you are using a flatbed copier to copy patterns and check that they are not distorted or shrunken/enlarged; that almost happened to them when starting the Ferris wheel. It would have been a disaster if the copy had not been checked against the original pattern!
 - Thank you to all of the scroll sawers!! Wonderful job!!
- Old Business
 - Club hats – see Jim Vasi – \$12
- New Business
 - Pizza party – volunteers:
 - Bob Ball – drinks and cups
 - Jim Vasi – pizza, wings, plates, napkins
- 50/50
 - \$31 was won by our newest member – Tony Cardenuto – oh, that beginner’s luck!!
Congrats, Tony!
- Show & Tell
 - Jim Vasi
 - Ray Bissonette
 - Paul Wilhelm
 - Rich Mialki (for
Lockport member)
 - Tony Cardenuto
 - Bob Ball
 - Frank Stanko
 - Leon Nowicki



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- Dave Wurstner
- Tom S
- Debbie Korwin
- Kathy Nowicki
- Bill Anderson
- A raffle for gift certificates was held and the winners were:
 - Kathy Nowicki
 - Paul Wilhelm
 - Leon Nowicki
 - Tony Cardenuto (there's that beginner's luck again!)
- The next meeting will be held Thursday, August 1st at 7 pm
 - Don't forget to bring your donated items for the Fair to benefit Make-A-Wish!!

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Nowicki