



## Western New York Woodturners Club 1

### Newsletter & Minutes of Meeting Held 09/07/17

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

### 37 Regular members present at the start of the meeting.

- The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Joe Wiesnet, Present
- No visitors were present
- New members - welcome!!
  - Janet Walter
  - Mark Staple
- Fair Committee comments
  - Gary Jones –thanks to all who volunteered and contributed
  - John Lilley – 75 workers filled 173 slots, and all worked 702 hours!
  - Stuart Wiesmore – this was his first time turning at the Fair – he enjoyed it, it was an enjoyable experience, and customers were happy. Thanks to everybody!
  - Rich Mialki – volunteer, everyone!!
  - Make-A-Wish personnel
    - Mary – our contact for a number of years. This is her favorite night of the year because she gets to thank us for the beautiful products and being able to grant many wishes over the years
    - Ben – we have a small team at the office and they rely on groups like Woodturners; thank you for the many wishes
    - Kathy – wish-grantor passed around photos of kids like we might help
      - Josh 15 – has Spina Bifida, always smiling – his wish was to travel to Hawaii, visit the USS Arizona, and to swim with dolphins.
      - Ben 12 – diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2016 – a fisherman and hunter, and has a chicken coop – loves the outdoors – his wish was a Polaris Razor, which was revealed at a fire company.
  - Joe Wiesnet – if you ever run into a past recipient at the fair, you will never miss another fair
  - Bob Ball – presented a check totaling \$19,877 to Make-A-Wish – the Raffle raised \$1221 dollars
- Show and Tell – we did this out of order so the Make-A-Wish personnel could see other things that we make
  - Bree Corbett, John Lilley, Eugene Schlaak, Dave Cammarano, Mike Gotthelf, Rich Mialki, Phil DeFranco, Mark Williams, Nick Watson, David Day, Gary Jones, Dave Hall, Stuart Wiesmore, Joe Wiesnet
  - Prizes went to Mike Gotthelf and Dave Cammarano – congratulations, gentlemen!
- 50/50 Drawing
  - Paul Williams won \$30 – congratulations, Paul!
- Pete Campana
  - Rudy Lopez Demonstration



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- October 14<sup>th</sup> - it's getting close!
- We need to get some tickets sold!
  - See Mike Gotthelf, Pete Campana, or Rich Mialki for tickets
- Hands-on class with Rudy for Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>
  - The hands-on sessions will be at Barb's Barn at \$70.00 per person
- The demonstration will be held at:
  - Lt. Col. Matt Urban VFW Post 7275
  - 3741 Walden Avenue Lancaster, NY 14086
- Need volunteers to:
  - Sell 50/50 tickets
  - Sell tickets at the door
  - Set-up / Tear-down
- Don't forget to bring canned goods to benefit the VA!
- Web Master – John Lilley
  - Everything is up to date
  - The home page has club-member winners from the Fair!
  - He will continue update the home page so it is fresh and active
  - Don't forget to check out our sponsors!
- Treasurer's Report – Norm Kosmerl

August Balance:	\$3195.03
Deposits:	
Hats	12.00
50/50	29.00
Fiberon Raffle	7.00
WHY Woodturners II Beth Ireland Demo May 27, 2017	92.13
Fair Receipts	15710.00
	<u>\$15,850.13</u>
Withdrawals:	
Ch 294 Mike Todd – Pop & Cups	32.49
Ch 295 James Vasi – Pizza, Wings & Plates	221.32
Ch 296 Maryvale School – Rent Room 141	450.00
Ch 297 Make-A-Wish – Fair receipts	15,710.00
	<u>\$16,413.81</u>
Ending Balance	\$2,611.35

  - This is the lowest balance ever seen by Norm in all of his years as years as Treasurer
    - We depend upon Dues and the 50/50 raffle to keep a healthy balance
    - Come out to the Rudy Lopez demo so we can raise funds and avoid services charges!
- Interim Secretary – Kathy Nowicki
  - Nothing to report



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- Photographer – Larry Scaglione
  - When you bring your item to be photographed, fill out a card and leave it with the item, or it won't make it onto the gallery
- Librarian – Stuart Wiesmore
  - There are lots of videos ready to borrow
  - Borrow one and learn something – especially the new people!
- Joe Wiesnet – President
  - Visit sponsors for our website – they donate for raffles, etc. We need to support them.
  - Please continue to support the Beckers since Marlene had hip surgery
  - There will be a new report going forward – the Aspire Christmas party
  - Hats are for sale – see Jim Vasi
- Aspire Christmas Party – Gene Renzoni
  - For the benefit of new members, he explained what the Aspire party is about
  - Donated toys must have parts no smaller than the diameter of a toilet paper roll
  - This is just Woodturners 1 doing this party – no other clubs participate
  - Since 1989
  - He will have photos for us next month
- Rich Mialki asked what the Rudy Lopez demonstration was costing and questioned why we were investigating the purchase of a second television when the Treasury funds were so low
  - Costs for the demonstration are
    - \$550 per day for Rudy's time
    - Airfare expenses
    - No hotel or food costs
    - \$150 for the hall
  - Based on monies received so far, we would lose over \$900
  - A lively discussion ensued including:
    - We need the second television for the demonstration
    - Could someone bring one in or should we purchase one?
    - If we lose money on the demonstration, then what?
    - Where would we store the second television? Joe W has a plan for it
    - Woodturners 2 do not meet during the Summer and would be back soon and could help sell tickets, etc. – John Lilley will inform them and get them helping to sell tickets, etc.
  - A motion was made to table the purchase of a second television pending more tickets sales – it was seconded and passed
  - Gary – can we record our demos and provide them for viewing?
    - Issues are cost of SD cards, someone would have to edit them, and home videos are hard to watch
    - Motion made, seconded and passed to table the discussion
- Secretary elections



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- Rich Mialki nominated Kathy Nowicki
- Jim Vasi seconded the motion
- There were no other nominations and Kathy accepted the nomination
- A vote was taken and Kathy Nowicki is now the Secretary
- Fair Committee
  - We need more people on the committee – if anyone wants to volunteer, please speak up.
  - Nothing was official in the past
  - We need to have representatives from Woodturners 1 and 2 and someone to spear-head the committee, with minutes, etc.
  - Jim Vasi will read the bylaws and report back next month
  - John Lilley will discuss with Woodturners 2
- Jim Vasi's friend has a lathe for sale – made in England, tons of accessories, \$450
  - John will put contact information on the website
- Rich received a Carter & Sons gift Certificate for the Rudy Lopez demonstration
- John Walkden had surgery
  - Kathy will send a get-well card

### Club Demonstration:

- Since the meeting much longer than usual, the scheduled demonstration was canceled

### Next Meeting/Demonstration:

- Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2017, at 7:00 pm in the Maryvale High School Shop
- 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, or drop me an e-mail, and I will forward it for you.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Secretary  
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