



# Western New York Woodturners Club 1

## Newsletter & Minutes of Meeting Held 11/02/17

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

### Meeting

- The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Pete Campagna, Vice Present
- 24 regular members were present during the course of the meeting
- One visitor was present – Paul Rutherford
- No new members this month
- Pete Campagna, Vice President
  - Demos
    - Always on the lookout for new demos
    - Need a demo for January
    - Debbie Corwin may do a demo in January or February on Polymer Clay – she made a pen with it
    - December is our Christmas party
  - Rudy Lopez was an excellent demo
    - He made three items
    - Very interesting
    - We ended up with \$520 to split between both clubs
  - A class for beginner Woodturners on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Barb’s Barn – Pete has contact info for you to sign up
- John Lilley, Webmaster
  - Webpage up to date
  - He should be able to have a new piece on the home page each month
    - Odd months – club 1, even months - club 2
  - Ray Bissonette’s article on the beginning of our involvement with Aspire is on the website

• Treasurer’s Report – Norm Kosmerl		
October Balance:		\$2,715.04
Deposits:		
50/50	34.00	
Dues: Schlaak	20.00	
Lopez Checks:		
Eckert	120.00	
DeFranco	25.00	
Mialki	125.00	\$3,039.04
Withdrawals:		
Ch 300 Pete Campagna		
Lopez Checks – see above list	145.00	\$293.31
Ch 301 Pete Campagna – SD Card	21.49	
Ch 302 Pete Campagna		
Lopez Check – Mialki	125.00	\$291.49
Ending Balance		\$2,747.55



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- Bree questioned the security of the club's financial papers that Norm carries
  - There are notes in the minutes, statements, etc., and we could always get copies from the bank
  - We are fine
- Kathy Nowicki, Secretary
  - Nothing to report
- John Lilley filled in for Larry Scaglione, Photographer
  - Everything is fine
- Stuart Wiesmore, Librarian
  - Lots of DVDs – good for new members and old ones, too
  - Free of charge
  - Bree asked when we last purchased new DVDs
    - Now is not the time to purchase due to low treasury funds
- Gene Renzoni – Aspire report:
  - Thank you to Ray Bissonette for the history lesson last month!
  - Started in 1991
  - We are the only club involved with Aspire
  - Gene had a nice presentation of photos of items made in the past
  - Some people were concerned about toxicity
    - Bill did some research and found that as long as it's been cured, it's not toxic. Check the label for the finish you are using for curing times, and follow the instructions given
    - Mineral Oil is inexpensive and non-toxic
  - We need approximately 150 toys to fill out the groups – Pre-K to possibly 21 years of age
  - We used to make large cradles but they were too large for the bus drivers to handle, so watch how big of an item you make
  - I have a number of plans in the back – help yourself, but please don't take the last copy of a plan
  - I have wheels that were previously donated – also in the back, or give me a call and I'll get some to you
  - Last year we had more high-quality toys than in the years I've been involved – they were outstanding!
  - Keep in mind:
    - No part can be smaller than the diameter of a toilet paper roll
    - Watch how large you make things (bus drivers)
  - Scheduled for Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am
    - Could use help to set up at 8:30
    - Two groups of kids
    - Generally done by 11:30
    - It's a great experience – gets you into the Christmas Spirit
    - Significant others are welcome



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- If you have toys, please bring them in the next meeting, or call me and I can pick them up
  - Cell phone is 380-2219, or call 634-3253
- Pete Campagna read a report from Joe Wiesnet, President (absent)
  - *First, I want to thank everyone who participated in the Rudy Lopez demonstration. It was truly a great event for all who attended and nearly everyone went home with some kind of gift. I felt that Rudy did a great job in the events over all 3 days. These events are an awful lot of work to put together, but there is nothing like it for anyone who is intrigued by woodturning. For those who couldn't attend for one reason or another, I'm sorry that you had to miss such a great event. For those who chose not to come...we really could have used your support. The next time we do an event like this I would ask you to please give it every consideration and support our club. It's so much better when we have a greater level of participation. No matter what your skill set or level of turning, everyone can learn a bunch and make it worth investing a day.*
  - *Next, we do have another chance to extend ourselves in service to our community with what our membership does every year for the kids and families involved with Aspire. Gene does a great job working on this event and there is such a great history in our club. Thanks so much for your participation and for the increasing creativity and care in the work you do. I'm always blessed by how much you all give from the heart.*
  - *Finally, in December we are looking forward to our Christmas party when we have pizza and wings and just have the chance to catch up with each other in a casual setting. We have done this twice a year for at least the last several years since I have been a member here. We typically have a party right before the Erie County Fair and then again just before Christmas and I enjoy it as much as anyone else in the club. What I have discovered is that we have spent nearly \$900.00 in total for the last 4 parties and that is with the pop being donated in several of the events. I've always struggled with this because I have felt that we have so many needs as a club to better improve what we offer our members and benefit our purpose. I'm not suggesting that we do away with the parties because I believe them to be a great occasion to converse with each other and meet new members where that might never happen another way. My thought is this: I would like to see us continue the parties just like we have in the past but that we primarily pay for them with a chip fund and ask the members present and wishing to participate to throw in \$5.00 each on the honor system. The club could then pick up the difference to help keep it simple. I don't know anywhere else that one could go to have pizza & wings and hang out with their woodturning pals for just the cost of a Lincoln. Since we depend primarily on dues for income revenue, this would go a long way to improving our annual budget. I would ask that someone make a motion to consider adopting this as a policy going forward. Discuss it and see what you all think.*



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- Members were opposed to the \$5.00 fee for the parties
  - Possibly drop the wings?
  - It only costs \$200 for the pizza and wings
- In the past, we have purchased a lot of electronics – we should be set for a while
- We cannot sell items to fund the treasury
- Yearly expenses:
  - \$450 rent
  - \$250-275 insurance
  - Pizza parties
- Motion passed to table the discussion until next month, and prepare for the Christmas party as we have in the past
- Old Business:
  - Hats are available for \$12 – see Jim Vasi or Norm Kosmerl
- 50/50 Drawing
  - Mike Horrigan won \$29, and Mark Williams won a \$10 Buffalo Woodturning Products gift certificate – congratulations!
- Show and Tell:
  - The following members presented an item that they made:
    - Bree Corbett
    - Rich Mialki
    - Mike Gotthelf
    - David Day
    - Mark Williams
    - Gene Renzoni
    - Debbie Corwin
  - Bree Corbett and Rich Mialki won gift certificates – congratulations!
- Club Demonstration:
  - Pete Campagna did a demo on using the Skew – thank you, Pete!
  - There will be no demo in December due to the Pizza & Wings party.
- Next Meeting:
  - Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 7, 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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