



# THE CHIP PILE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is just starting to cool off and head into Fall...ain't it great! We are getting ready to nominate new officers. Some of us are staying and some have to leave, so if Sonia asks you to think about taking a position, please really consider it. We can always benefit from new blood on our board. It helps keep our club fresh and full of new ideas to keep our club great and sometimes even improve it in little ways. A big thank you to all exiting board members. We really appreciated your help and input.

We had a great time at Celebrate Lakeview and added some new names to our list for our January 16 class. The total now is about 15 which makes me think maybe too many for one class. We will see how many actually end up coming.

The Chili Cook-Off will be October 19 (always lots of fun and great chili). We have a sign up sheet, so please sign up if you are able to go.

It is also time to start coming up with ideas for our club projects for next year. Some ideas so far are a nativity scene (we did one before and it was a hit); friendship cane (we have done these too, also very popular); and Noah's ark (also a crowd pleaser). Please bring any good idea(s) you have and pictures of item if you have one. We will vote on it in the first week in November. We will also raffle this year's projects off the first week in December.

Our Christmas luncheon is being organized right now. Barbara will be taking the money for this starting in two weeks. It will be \$12.50 each, \$25.00 per couple. There will also be a gift exchange. Gifts must be hand made but do not have to be carvings. Anything hand made will do.

I have placed an order for more walking sticks, both diamond willow and aspen. Rick Dubai will bring them down in about 2 weeks from Minnesota. We do have a good supply of wood in storage, so will not be ordering more until our show, unless we run real low on something.

The board decided to let members start paying their dues for next year right away. It will make it easier on our dues chair people and maybe more convenient for us all.

That is about it for this month, see you at carving.

Marty Wells, NAWC President

## General Membership Meeting of September 19, 2019 MINUTES

Marty Wells opened the meeting at 10:47. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Approval of Minutes per *The Chip Pile* was unanimous and seconded.

No Treasurer's report.

No Webmaster report.

No Show Committee report.

Linda and Ray Peacy, Membership Chairs, reported that we have 123 members.

Linda Lopin, Equipment, said we are good with equipment.

Red Murr, Quartermaster, says we have wood and we are selling wood. Everyone seems happy.

The next class is a wood spirit on a stick given by Marty on October 10. Bring a sharp knife and a stick - class is free.

No Publicity report.

Librarian, Sonia Nelson, said we have books.

Sunshine Lady was absent.

Penny talked with Donna Gulley and Earl is doing well after his surgery. They expect to be in next week.

**Old Business:** County Fair: Cheryl McConkey reported on the Fair. She said, "Thank you to everyone who helped set up, man the booth and who did all the other things that made it a success." Fair personnel told Cheryl that the booth looked the best that it ever has - high praise.

Marty thanked Cheryl for all her hard work. She reorganized and labeled all the boxes for the Charity table, simplified the cost sheet for the beginners class and created a clipboard with a continuing list for people who are interested in our next beginners class in January. So a BIG thanks to Cheryl and Dave!

Celebrate Lakeview is September 28. This event will be separated into 4 hour shifts. Morning folks arrive by 8 AM and continue to noon. Afternoon folks arrive at 12 PM and continue till 4 PM.

**New Business:** Sonia Nelson brought up that the storage unit we rent "drips" during the winter. The drips are caused by condensation. We discussed several things that could be done. Marty will contact the storage facility to see what can be done.

**Show and Tell:** Sonia Nelson (red M & M, baby bunny, snowman, Rudolph ornaments); Cheryl McConkey 2 white doves in basswood); Teresa Clark (3 chip carvings in basswood); Dave McConkey (wood burned fisherman); Curt Shirkey (chip carvings in basswood and mahogany that won ribbons at the Baxter County Fair and Rogers Show); Deen Shirkey (wood turning in basswood that won in the Baxter County Fair); Pamela Frost (woodburning - horse head on basswood, horse drinking water on water color paper and the Lord). Pamela won the drawing and chose a V-tool.

Name Tag Drawing was won by Curt Shirkey who selected a \$10.00 wood certificate.

Sid Edelbrock won the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Wells, Secretary.

# Board of Directors Meeting of October 3, 2019 MINUTES

Meeting was brought to order at 10:35

No Board meeting in September - not enough people.

Ray Killen, Treasurer, is on vacation, but Marty reported that at the Celebrate Lakeview, we made \$147 for Charity and \$72 on the Club projects.

Ray and Linda Peacy reported that we have 123 members.

Equipment is going well.

There is a Wood Spirit class scheduled for next week, taught by Marty.

Library has books, but a number of books have been checked out for quite some time - Sonia will follow up.

Sandy Smith says the website is going well.

Wally Smietanski said that the *Baxter Bulletin* has a new email address.

Red Murr, Quartermaster, says we have wood, but we need more aspen and diamond willow sticks.

**Old Business:** Chili Cook-off is October 19th from 8-4. Sign up sheet will be out next week.

Marty attempted to check with storage unit manager regarding the problem of the building sweating and dripping. Office was closed for vacation.

Red Murr will follow up to see if they will help in any way, or if they will allow us to put up Styrofoam.

**New Business:** Board authorized spending \$200.00 to get more aspen and diamond willow sticks. Marty will follow up.

Job Descriptions may need updating, so board members, please check what we have on line. Mary Saucier will help in re-typing the updated job descriptions as needed.

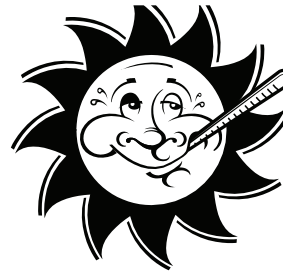
We need to get ideas for club project for next year. Barb Edelbrock mentioned "friendship canes" and will bring 2 that she has as inspiration.

Club Membership Dues for 2020 are being accepted by membership Linda and Ray Peacy.

Christmas lunch will be \$25.00 per couple or \$12.50 per person. Barb Edelbrock will start selling tickets in 2 weeks.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn at 10:47.

Respectfully submitted: Penny Wells, Secretary



## SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS

*Please let Amy Waincott or Board Members know of any member who may be ill or who may*

have lost a loved one. Our members appreciate knowing that we are thinking of them and that our best wishes are extended to them during these stressful and often traumatic times.

**There will be a Potluck Lunch  
following this month's  
General Membership Meeting**



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