



THE CHIP PILE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi all,

We made it another month without any bad news among our members. Hope all is well with all of you. We are still meeting at the VFW and just got a call from them with new guidelines (they were probably the same guidelines but they didn't know) from the health department.

We all have to wear a mask at our meetings unless you are drinking or eating something (just like a restaurant), then you can remove it to eat or drink. You must keep a distance of 6 feet from others when you don't have a mask on. We have to keep a sign-up sheet with names and phone numbers in case one of us comes down with Covid, then they will ask for it. We also have masks available if someone doesn't have one and hand sanitizer available to use. All of this is now in effect so we will be as safe as possible. This will make it safer for all of our members who come to our meetings.

We would like to welcome Lynn Huett as our new interim treasurer. She is taking over to help out and we appreciate it.

Joel Jendreas said that he's got some crepe myrtle wood available to any member who would like some. He has some for walking sticks and some larger pieces to carve. He also says it is green right now and great to carve. If you are interested call him at 870-701-3563.

Clarkridge Fire Department is having their pancake breakfast on this Saturday 8-8, from 7:30am to 11:00am. Please go join them and have a great breakfast and support the local Fire Departments.

Two weeks from now on Thursday, 8-20, instead of a potluck we are ordering pizza in. Each person or couple will be able to order the pizza or some other items and then whatever is left over, you take home. Barb Edelbrock will have all the information on what can be ordered on Thursday 8-13 so you can decide what you want. Please bring cash on the 20th so it will be easier to pay for everything. Plan on rounding it up to the next dollar and if it is delivered, please add \$1.00 for a tip.

The board also discussed what to do about our charity giving in December. We don't have any money collected, so we had two options. (1) Don't give any this year or (2) Take up a donation and then give that to a chosen charity. After some discussion the board decided to just have our normal food drive for the food basket and make any extra donations each of you would want to make in cash to go with any food donated.

We are plugging along as a club. Money is going out faster than it is coming in and some members have expressed concern about how our club will survive. Having more members at our meetings would possibly make the 50-50 pot a little larger, but with this stuff still out there, some are

still a little leary of coming out. This club has been a pretty strong club and we will keep going through this and I think we will turn out just fine. But we will be going through some rough times for a little longer. Unless all of our monies run out, we will continue on and keep going. We have been having about 20-25 members each week and all attending are having a great time, so we will get through this, just keep the faith and a little prayer won't hurt either.

'Til next month, good carving,

Marty Wells

General Membership Meeting of July 16, 2020 MINUTES

Marty Wells opened the meeting at 10:30.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Approval of Minutes per *The Chip Pile* was approved and seconded.

No Treasurer's report.

No Membership or Equipment report given..

VP Kim Valentine has sheets out for 2 classes that will take place in August. A fish class by Andy Cooper will take place starting August 6 which may run 2 weeks, depending on class needs. Marty will hold a bird carving class after Andy's, and will order the blanks.

No Publicity report.

Sandy Smith gave the Webmaster report - all is well and the website has been renewed.

No Sunshine report.

Barb Edelbrock updated us that Donna Gulley had an infection and was hospitalized in St. Louis. Earl will keep us posted on her progress. Sandy stated that Wally contacted her and his hand was not broken, just sore from the accident. Kim said that Red Murr was off the pump for his leg. Marty asked that we keep all in our thoughts and prayers.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Linda Lopin has resigned the Treasurer's position effective August 1, 2020. We need a new Treasurer, please see Marty if you are interested.

Announcements:

A discussion as to whether we will have a Christmas Party was held. Attendance at meetings has been low. We will revisit in

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a month or so. Clarkridge Fire Station is having a Pancake Breakfast August 8th from 7:30 to 11:00.

Show and Tell: Sid Edelbrock (misc. carving and turning items); Kathy Hewitt (wood burned box); Rod Engle (Garden Art); Curt Shirkey (chip carved plate); Marty Wells (Downey woodpecker on log); Debbie Cooper (stylized horse); Andy Cooper (hunter, fish); Sonia Nelson (Minions).

Sonia won the drawing and chose \$10.00 wood certificate. Name Tag Drawing was won by Kathy Hewitt who chose a gouge. Rick Hewitt won the 50/50 drawing and donated the money back to the club.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Wells, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of August 6, 2020 MINUTES

President Marty Wells called the meeting to order at 10:10.

No Treasurer's, Membership, Equipment, or Wood report.

Kim Valentine, VP, stated that Andy is teaching the fish class today. Marty's bird class starts in 2 weeks.

Wally is working on Publicity for *The Baxter Bulletin*. Nice picture and article about Earl Gulley in last Saturday's paper.

No Library, or Sunshine Lady reports given.

Old Business: None

New Business: Audit is complete. Noted that there are only about \$65.00 in Charity so far this year as there have been no events. Discussion that we will ask for donations later in the year - probably for the food basket. There are no scheduled events for the rest of the year.

No potluck on the 3rd Thursday in August. Instead, each individual (or family) will order in pizza probably from Little Caesar's. Barbara Edelbrock will coordinate and bring menus next week.

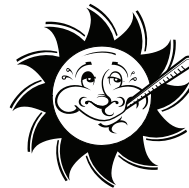
An addendum to the Constitution and By-Laws is needed:

Section 5: In the event of a vacancy of a board position, the board may appoint a replacement for the balance of the year.

Motion was made to accept the changes.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn at 10:25.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Wells, Secretary



SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS

Please let Sandy Lord 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.

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