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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

Well here we are in February and I saw about half a dozen robins in the yard a few days ago. Seems kind of early, but who knows.

Anyway, our projects are coming along nicely, our beginners class is in its 4th week and going very well. If you are working on a piece, or pieces, for our projects, please try to get them in by early March at the latest (especially if they need to be painted).

The Commander of the VFW asked if anyone in our club was interested in making some signs for them. They want 3 large signs with raised 4-5 inch lettering with room to attach pictures to. They would be similar to the one on the wall with their post number, etc. One will say *Auxiliary*, one *When We Were Young* and one *Officers*. They would probably be about 3'x4' or 4'x4' each. I checked prices, plywood finished on one side is about \$35 per 4'x8' sheet, precut letters are about \$8 each. If you cut them out, there are 32 letters, but would be cheaper. If you do that, you will need patterns to cut from. After saying all of this, if you are interested in doing this, let me know and we will talk to the Commander.

Our show is coming in May (just 3 months away), so now is the time to decide what you will enter, register and pay for your table for display. Our show is one of the best in the country and great fun, so plan to be a part of this event.

Kim Valentine has offered to make Seafood Gumbo with shrimp, crab and all kinds of great seafood in it for a special potluck next month. It will be held on March 21st. Due to the cost, it will be \$5 for each person and then we will bring sides too. If you are interested in doing this, please see Cheryl McConkey to pay. This will defray from the cost. If you ever made seafood gumbo, you know it gets pricey real quick. I know because I have made it in the past, but it is really good.

Kim also is offering to cook ribs or pulled pork (to be decided before event) for our picnic. We decided on June 1 for our picnic so it will be early in the summer and not so hot. If there is a cost to this, we will let you know as soon as we figure it out.

Also if you have any carvings for the charity table or comfort items for hospice please bring them in to me and I will make sure they go where needed.

If any of you have any questions for me please feel free to call me at 870-656-6963. Thank you all for your hard work on our projects and charity pieces, etc.

Marty Wells, NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of January 17, 2019 MINUTES

Marty Wells opened the meeting at 10:33.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

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

Ray Killen gave the Treasurer's report. He noted that our funds are down from last year at this time.

Linda and Ray Peacy, Membership Chairs, gave the report the we have 95 paid members for 2019. Dues are to be paid by

January 31, 2019. Please contact Linda and Ray to pay if you have not done so as of yet.

Linda Lopin, Equipment, says things are going well.

Red Murr (Quartermaster with Albert Baker) talked about the wood. He says that he did not bring in what some people were looking for as he was unaware of some of the different thicknesses, etc. He went back and got the wood, but he asks that if people want a specific kind/thickness/length, please give him a call (between 10am and 7pm) prior to the 3rd Thursday of the month. There is no accounting list of the number or types, or sizes, etc. of wood. He and Albert will take inventory and make up a list of what is in storage now. Red would like to have numbers/types, etc. which will make ordering wood and keeping track easier.

VP Rick Wheeler is working on finalizing classes that will be held.

Wally Smiertanski, Publicity, is working on the "Featured Carver" for the *Baxter Bulletin*.

Sonia Nelson, Librarian, was not present, but we do have books. Webmaster Sandy Smith said she put a list of wood/prices under the "Club Store" tab on the website.

Amy Wainscott, Sunshine Lady, reported that she sent cards to Donna Gulley and Norm Rutledge.

Show Committee reported that the applications for the show will be sent out on email and they will have hard copies to pass out next week.

Old Business:

All items are out to members for the "Home" and "12 Days of Christmas Wreath".

There is a flier on the table of information for where/times, etc. to purchase club T-shirts.

Marty reminded people that some of the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws was on the website. Sandy sent out the PDF form to all who have emails. There is a copy of proposed changes on the table. This will be brought up for the next 3 weeks before we vote.

Ray Killen suggested the following changes as well : Article 3, Section 2 ...the meeting will be held about 10:30 at the discretion of the President. He also suggested Article 6, Section 4 the officers will take office January 1. Article 7, Section 3, #2: Drop written reports, as there are none, and Audit to be done in January with books closing December 31 as this is easier for accounting purposes.

There was no new business.

Show and Tell:

John Gregory (eagle bust); Lucia Pairolo (light house wood burned on white pine, basswood shamrock for the "Home" project); Marty Wells (tulip for "Home" project); Rod Engle (cedar vase, Kokapeli); Tommy Johnson (chip carved coasters); Sandra Shackelford (Santa and Leaf for "Home" project); Sonia Nelson was not there, but Linda Peacy presented (Day 1 and Day 12 of the 12 Days of Christmas Wreath).

Sonia's card was drawn, and Linda chose a surprise packet of sandpaper and a small bag. Anna Hickman won the Name Tag Drawing and chose a bag with drill bit storage and a metal ruler. Lucia Pairolo and Jack Clarke were the 50/50 winners.

Motion made and passed to adjourn at 10:57.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Wells, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of February 7, 2019 MINUTES

President Marty Wells called the meeting to order at 10:30.

Marty announced that the VFW asked if we could make large signs with letters similar to what is on the wall, and could Marty get him a price. Marty checked and several sheets of good plywood would be needed and the letters that they want are fairly expensive when ordered online. Marty calculated that it would cost about \$400 minimum. The Commander thought if the carving club could make these items, we could pay our rent. As these are not carving items, Marty will ask if any member is interested in doing this task.

The VFW has not found the ticket spinner (made by Kim Valentine) that was removed from the storage locker.

Ray Killen gave the Treasurer's report.

Membership chairs were absent so no report. Linda Lopin said she would like an announcement made that if people would like tools, please see her.

She will order next month from OCC and it would save on the individual shipping if everything is ordered at one time.

Red Murr, quartermaster, had to leave but he asked Marty to give out his number if people wanted wood. He will bring wood on the third Thursday. Marty will make the announcement.

Rick Wheeler, VP, announced that he has talked with Sandy Smith about giving a class. Nothing has been set up for that.

Cheryl Mc Conkey will be giving a class on finishing in a few weeks. Sign up sheet is out.

Wally Smietanski, Publicity, was absent. Idea floated that once our club projects are completed, perhaps Wally could get photos and an article in the paper. Marty will ask Wally.

Sonia Nelson, Librarian, had nothing to report.

Sandy Smith, Webmaster, said everything was going well.

Sunshine Person, Amy Wainscott, was absent.

Kim Valentine has offered to make seafood gumbo for the 3rd Thursday in March. Due to the cost of seafood, it will be \$5.00 per person. Cheryl McConkey will be the person collecting the money and compiling the list. Suggestion was made to have a picnic in early June. Sandy Smith will arrange to get the park reserved. Kim Valentine will smoke the meat and the club will bring the sides, desserts, etc.

Vote will be taken on the updated constitution and bylaws on the 3rd Thursday in February.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn at 10:50.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Wells, Secretary



SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS

Please let Amy Wainscott 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.

2019 Membership Dues are DUE

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



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