

Minutes
CFWT Steering Committee
May 18, 2006

The Steering Committee met at the Country Fixins Restaurant on SR 436. Bob Walker was out of town helping his family. Bob Elliott called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM on May 18, 2006. Members attending were Gene Gross, Stuart Lilie, Harvey Driver, Al Hockenbery, Marvin Murray, Dave Barriger, Bob Elliott, Rick Coffman and Dave McNeely.

The following items were discussed.

1. It was reported that the two recently purchased Rikon lathes were at Richard Elenberger's shop.
2. The CFWT supports bringing in Norm Rose for a midweek demo if there is enough interest and if Richard's shop is available
3. A proposal to print the minutes in the Newsletter was discussed. The Steering Committee agreed that minutes are not written with a Newsletter in mind and are often rather boring in their content. However, the minutes are available on line and can be sent to anyone who requests them. Thus, the proposal to print the minutes in the Newsletter was rejected.
4. Several issues relating to hands-on sessions were discussed. It was agreed to lower the class fee to \$10.00 to ensure that people will take signing up seriously. If we charge no fee, the number of no shows will increase. As to making the sessions more focused on a single or specialized project, the instructors felt that a more open ended approach works better. People can work on what they want.
5. Stuart Lilie led an extensive discussion of the woodturning scholarship program. Several revisions were made to the application form and the following decisions were reached:
 - A. We will offer two \$500 scholarships this year. (This confirmed the decision reached at the last meeting.)
 - B. The application deadline will be July 31, 2006.
 - C. The scholarship committee will attempt to announce the winners by the August meeting, September at the latest.
 - D. To be eligible, an applicant must have been a member of the CFWT for at least one year.
6. The current CFWT treasury balance is \$4,200.

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CFWT Membership Meeting
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The meeting was held at the Woodcraft store in Casselberry. Bob Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Guests in attendance were Jesse Marquette, Maitland; Derek Nickerson, Orlando; Ron Williams, Moorhead, Minnesota; and Ed Damrell, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Estimated attendance was 40 people.

Upcoming Events

The club is offering a hands-on class at Richard Elenberger's Saturday, May 20, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Announcements

Bob Elliott asked for a show of hands for those who would be interested in attending a midweek demo by Norm Rose. There was sufficient interest to proceed with planning his visit.

Bob Elliott announced that Woodcraft was having a major sale on May 29, 2006. Also, Scott Carroll is looking for pen turners to demonstrate on June 17th.

Bob Elliott announced the collection of 16 Christmas ornaments for the AAW charity drive. Several members indicated they would be bringing ornaments before the deadline.

Rick Coffman announced that the turning smocks were now available from him.

Show & Tell

Wood Auction

There was a great many pieces of wood auctioned raising \$235, the highest amount raised on wood alone in recent memory. In February we raised \$244, but that auction included several pieces turned by Cindy Drozda.

Presentation: Al Hockenbery, *Vacuum Chucking*.

Al Hockenbery gave an excellent presentation on vacuum chucking, focusing particularly on the making of home made vacuum chucks. He discussed and demonstrated ways of turning your own chuck. He also discussed the various kinds of foam, mostly available free or for very little money such as packing materials and Fun Foam from craft stores.

Homemade chucks are cheaper and more versatile than factory made chucks. Al and Sherry have an excellent website: <http://hockenbery-woodturnings.com>

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.