



ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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March 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: Vice President Mike Hughbanks called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Gerry Lesch, Steve Johnson, Randy Callison, Dale Ehle, Bud Cunningham, and Rosie Kautz were present.
- Introduction of New Members/Visitors – None present
- Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): Beginning balance was \$5,674.67 and ending balance was \$6,022.56. The main deposits were \$245 in dues, \$120 from show tables, and 2 \$100 donations. Thank you cards were sent to Ron Machajewski for his donation and to Ray Douglas whose donation is delegated to a club member(s) who carves and donates 100 comfort crosses in 2022. Main expenses were \$100 donated to Congress and \$117 for show printing. Motion made to accept the report by Bud Cunningham, seconded by Gerry Lesch. Motion passed.
- Additions/Corrections to last month's newsletter: None were voiced.
- Web Site Report (Mike Hughbanks): Our reported "online presence" is fairly steady at 76. This score is a measure of how often our site is visited and how active our visitors are on our connected social sites (i.e. Facebook) in comparison to other similar sites.
- Illness/Sunshine Report (Rosie Kautz): No other cards were sent in February. (See treasurers report.)

Old Business

- 2022 Show (Brad Crandall): Brad was not present, but please contact him to help out with show preparation in any way you can.
- Chili Pepper Chairman (Mike Hughbanks): A request for a volunteer was not answered. Mike Hughbanks said he would be chairman for this year. Randy will make the mahogany baes again this year and has collected some chilis already.

New Business

- Janesville Public Library (Mike Hughbanks): We will be displaying members carvings at the library during the month of May. Setup will be May 1 and take down on May 31. Plan on which item you

2022 Officers

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**I told My Wife to
Embrace Her
Mistakes – So
She Hugged Me**

**Normal meetings on the
first Tuesday of the month
at the First Lutheran Church,
Across from Fairgrounds
612 N Randall Ave.
Janesville, WI
Meeting or Carving
begins at 6 p.m.**

would like to have on display. Jim Trumpy and Mike Hughbanks will be at the Library Express in the Janesville Mall from 10:30 am to noon on Friday, June 10 to promote our club. An evening presentation/demonstration at the library is up in the air. Nobody at the library is currently organizing these events.

- The Gathering Place in Milton: See information and photos below.
- Annual Insurance Policy (Rosie Kautz): A notice of policy changes and 2022 cost was received. None of the changes apply to our club and the cost is the same as last year, \$400. Gerry Lesch made a motion to allow the treasurer to pay the premium. Dale Ehle seconded; motion passed.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm. Minutes submitted by Rosie Kautz.

Next Meeting – April 5th

General meeting and open carving from 6-8 pm on the first Tuesday each month at First Lutheran Church (across from the fairgrounds) in Fellowship Hall located at 612 N. Randall Ave. Open carving the third Tuesday of each month at the same location. Park in the back and enter through the doors under the canopy. Take the first left to the room. Handicapped accessible.

Table covers are required for carvers

Area Carving Opportunities!

Janesville Senior Center: Mondays & Thursdays from 9-11 am. Meet and carve with fellow carvers. **Masks are no longer required!** No food or drink is available in the center. You may bring in covered drinks. Please spray your area and wipe it down with the bleach water provided by the center before leaving. **Come and join your fellow carvers again!**

Shows & Seminars Coming Up

April 23 – Carve-In at the Bekkum in Westby, WI., 206 N Main St. Contact John Sutton, 608-634-4396, lbarnfarms@gmail.com or Bekkum Library 608-634-4419

May 1 – Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Show in Oshkosh, Wi., 2 N Main St, 9-4. Contact Paul Wolters, 920-727-2139 or www.midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com

June 11-18: Maquoketa, IA International Woodcarvers Congress Competition at Jackson County Fairgrounds, 1212 E Quarry St, 10-5 daily, 10-4 Sunday, www.awcltd.org

Upcoming Events

Library Display Items: Please contact Mike Hughbanks and let him know what item you would like displayed at the Janesville Public Library during May (plus 1 alternate/ additional item if needed).

Chili Peppers: Please contact Rosie Kautz to commit to carving a chili pepper for Chili Mania. Peppers need to be 12 inches high and should be completed in time for our July picnic meeting.

Fish Keychain Carving Class: On Friday, February 25, Tom Kautz led a presentation and demonstration of carving a simple fish keychain at the Gathering Place in Milton. Randy Callison, Mike Hughbanks, Reggie James, Mark Ludois, Jim Trumpy, and Ernie Tucker donated their time and talents to assist the beginning carvers. Vern Morris captured video and still photos. The novice carvers have been invited to finish their carvings at any of our open carving sessions. A final painting session will take place at the Gathering Place at a later date, led by Jim Trumpy.



Wanted: Club Historian – Please contact Tom or Rosie Kautz if you are willing to take on this role for our club. The historian simply needs to maintain a scrapbook (supplied by RRVC) of articles printed in local papers and photos of club events, most of which will be brought in for you.

Show & Share



Ernie Tuckers' Windy Spirit Face



Ernie Tucker carved Groot from Guardians of the Galaxy and the Chili Pepper above



Ernie Tuckers' Butternut Man, in progress



Ruth McNallys' Intricate Ornament