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IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

**There will be no Monday and Thursday morning carving sessions
No Tuesday evening carving sessions
No monthly meetings for the next 8 weeks (2 months) starting as of
Monday March 16 until at least May 11**

March 5, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Tom Kautz called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Mark Ludois, Mike Hughbanks Bud Cunningham, Gerry Lesch, Brad Crandall, Robin Rios, and Rosie Kautz attended the meeting.
- Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): Beginning \$5,592.08 and ending balance was \$5,466.46 (which includes the \$25.00 in petty cash). Major expenses for the month were \$100 show deposits paid for 2020 and 2021.
- Additions/Corrections to January Board Meeting Minutes: Gerry Lesch made a motion to accept last months' minutes as is, Mike Hughbanks seconded the motion, the motion carried.
- Web Report Mike Hughbanks: 352 page views last 30 days, 157 page views last 7 days, 6 downloads last 7 days, 17 downloads last 30 days.

Old Business

- Evening Open Carving Sessions: March 17, April 7 and 21. **(Since cancelled)**
- Status of open carving at Hummul Wednesday afternoons 2-6 pm: 4 people this week. **(Cancelled)**
- Carving Classes: Tom Kautz and Mark Ludois will do the second beginning class of carving a boot March 17. 2 students took the first class. **(Cancelled and will be rescheduled)**

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**Carving is like the
Mafia – What's
important is
where you bury
your mistakes!**

We meet on the
first Thursday of the month
at the Janesville Senior Center,
Second Floor
69 S. Water St.
Janesville, WI
Meeting or Carving
begins at 7:15 p.m.
Board Meeting at 6 p.m.

- Upcoming Program Suggestions: December Ornament exchange cut-outs for members was postponed until next month's meeting.
- Show Update: Registration forms have been sent out. Wildfowl Carving, Woodcarving Illustrated, and Chip Chats have been contacted to publicize our show. Our chainsaw carver, wood vendor, and Hummul have been confirmed for our new date. No new information from Rockford carving club on a joint show in 2021. **We still need a co-chairman to assist Brad Crandall.**
- Club Insurance: Mark Ludois is working on finding a new insurance company for our club that is more economical.

New Business

- Ernie Tucker suggested we carve comfort crosses to give to Chemo therapy patients at SSM Hospital of Janesville. Mike Boutelle obtained donated wood. Contact Tom Kautz for a pattern, wood, or cutouts.
- Mark Ludois volunteered to be Chili Pepper chairperson.
- Trinity Episcopal Church Air Conditioner Update: Dave Thill was not present. Tom Kautz and Dave will meet with a church representative before the church board addresses the issue next week.
- Donation to International Congress: Rosie Kautz received information from Congress. Board voted to donate \$100 as we have the past few years.
- Tallman Art Festival Registration: \$50 will be paid for 2 easy-up spaces for Aug. 2.
- Intermediate Shelf Sitter Class: Mark Ludois is teaching class April 7 and 21. **(Cancelled and will be rescheduled)**
- Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.
- Respectively submitted by Mark Ludois

March 5, 2020 RRVC Monthly Meeting

- Call to Order 7:15 pm
- Introduce & Welcome Guests/New Members: No Guests or New members
- Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): See board meeting minutes.
- **March 25 Senior Center Open House is cancelled for now.**
- Oconomowoc Carving Show Aug. 1: Rosie Kautz has registration forms.
- Get to know a fellow carver: Tom Jordan, Ernie Tucker, and Tom Marty's' names were drawn.
- 50/50 Raffle (Randy Callison): No raffle was held.
- Business Adjournment followed by Fellowship.

Membership Updates

Please remember to contact RRVC President, Tom Kautz, or Newsletter Editor, Rosie Kautz, if you are moving to a new address, changing phone numbers or email addresses. We don't want to lose track of our important members!

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Great News and Possibilities

Our club has been blessed with a most generous donation by Jerry Heyerdahl, a Beloit, Wisconsin carver. He noted our clubs' efforts to get new persons interested in wood carving. Jerry has various health limitations and is not carving anymore. He contacted your president about making a donation to the club. He gifted to our club free and clear various carving books, back issues of Woodcarving Illustrated, and other carving magazines. We were also given nice pieces of black walnut, cherry, and basswood. His donations included a large number of chisels, spoon gouges, and carving knives – all top-notch English and German steel.

We need your input and ideas on how to best utilize this windfall donation. For instance, books and magazines can be given out to club members and new carvers. Some books could go into our library. Wood could be used as drawing prize items, in a silent auction, or as show raffle prizes. The wonderful array of tools could be used in an auction or silent auction. These ideas need to be discussed and decisions made so all the items can get into the hands of woodcarvers who will make great use of them.

Please call, email, or contact Tom Kautz to make your wishes known or to suggest other ways to make the best use of Jerry's generous gifts.

Show & Share



Clockwise, from above:
Denny Pryce' Star in Cage,
Tom Kautz' Brook Trout
Spoon, Denny Pryce' Star,
Denny Pryce' Train Whistle,
and Ray Douglas' Chip
Carved Plate.

