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**January 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

* Call to Order: President Mike Hughbanks called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Attendance: 8.
* Introduction of New Members/Visitors: None were made.
* November 2023 Treasurer’s Report (Rosie Kautz): The beginning balance was $6,474.35, and the ending balance was $6,509.35. The only activity on the account was a $35.00 deposit of dues money.
* December 2023 Treasurer’s Report (Rosie Kautz): The beginning balance was $6,509.35, and the ending balance was $6,579.66. Deposits included a $100.00 donation and $115.00 in dues. Expenses were $80.17 for the Christmas party chicken and $64.52 for newsletter ink.
* Additions/Corrections to December 2023 newsletter/minutes: No additions or corrections were made.
* Website Report (Mike Hughbanks):

12 Months - 2,328 Views

30 Days - 146 Views

7 Days - 37 Views

Score ———— 20

* Illness/Sunshine Report (Rosie Kautz): A get well card was sent to Mark and Kim Ludois.

**Old Business**

* Program Coordinator (Mike Hughbanks): Club needs someone to set up speakers and or demonstrations for our first and second Tuesday evening meetings at First Lutheran.
* Possible Monetary Club Donation to the Katherine M. Belling Memorial Art Scholarship via the Community Foundations of Southern Wisconsin (Tom Kautz): Steve Johnson suggested the club look into further details about how the scholarship is awarded. It was decided to table discussion until Tom Kautz could get more information to help make a decision.

**2024 Officers**

President: Mike Hughbanks

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Vice President: Mark Ludois

608-371-3838

Secretary: Robin Rios

608-752-3328

Lori Ruplinger

262-629-9821

Treasurer: Rosemary Kautz

608-868-4522

Librarian: Bud Cunningham 608-853-1777

**Remember –**

**It’s Only a**

**Piece of Wood**

**Until It’s Done**

**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.**

* Show Lawn Signs (Mike Hughbanks): Everyone should keep their signs at home. The club will buy new date stickers and hand them out for the 2024 show.

**New Business**

* 2024 Show Update (Brad Crandall): No update available due to Brad Crandall’s absence.
* 2024 Chilimania Update (Randy Callison): No update available from Randy Callison as he was absent. Mike Hughbanks said the chilies must be handed in by the July club picnic. Chiimania already has enough chilies for 2024. The chilies carved this year will be used in 2025.
* Club Logo Shirts: Steve Johnson would like to order a shirt. Mike Hughbanks told him to contact Brad Crandall.
* Show & Share: Rosie Kautz showed off her wood burning of two monarch butterflies to the group.
* Adjournment: President Mike Hughbanks adjoined the business portion of the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Open carving to follow.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Robin Rios, Secretary.

**2024 Dues are Due!**

If you haven’t already paid your dues, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Checks should be paid to the Rock River Valley Carvers of Wis.

$15 for an individual or $20 for a family. Thank You!

**Club Events in 2024:**

**Winery Art Walk –** Sunday, July 28 at Fermenting Cellars Winery, Noon – 4 pm, setup at 10 am.

**Beckman Mill Events:**

**Ice Cream Social -** Sunday, July 21. Display and sales for our club members.

**Heritage Sunday –** Sunday, September 8. Display and sales for our club members.

**Our Show & Sale –** Saturday, September 14.

**A Founding Member of our Club has Passed Away**

Joanne Drinkwine, 85, died Sunday, January 7 in Waunakee. Visitation is from

9:30-11 Jan. 15, service at 11 am at St. John’s Church, 209 South St., Waunakee

**Shows & Seminars Coming Up**

**April 20: Westby, Wis** Karve in 8, Westby High School Gym, 206 West Ave., 10-4 pm. Contact John Sutton, [lbarnfarms@gmail.com](mailto:lbarnfarms@gmail.com) or Steve Michaels, 608-769-8498, steve.michaels@westby-norge.org

**April 28: Sheboygan, Wis**  Kettle Karvers Carving Show, Emil Mazey Hall, 5425 Superior Ave, 10-4 pm. Contact Bob Lawrence, 920-458-4947, [bob@kettlekarvers@att.net](mailto:bob@kettlekarvers@att.net)

**June 8-15: Maquoketa, IA** AWC Congress Competition, Seminars, and Show, [www.woodcarverscongress.org](http://www.woodcarverscongress.org)

**Area Carving Opportunities!**

**Janesville Senior Center:** Mondays & Thursdays from 9-11 am. Meet and carve with fellow carvers. Please spray your area and wipe it down with the bleach water provided by the center before leaving**.**

**Gathering Place in Milton: Monday afternoon 1-3 pm. 715 Campus St.**

**Fulton Church**: Tuesdays, 9-11 am in the church gymnasium, 9209 N Fulton St.

**First Lutheran Church**: The 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 6-8 pm, 612 N. Randall Ave. (Across from the fairgrounds.)



**Club Members Recent Carvings**



Jim Trumpy Carved the

Santas on the left and right

Gerry Ruplinger Carved the

2-Headed practice stick

on the far right





Rosie Kautz’ Butterfly Pyrography,

on left

Denny Pryces’ Tree with Star, on right

Ernie Tuckers’ Tree with Face, far right



Denny Pryces’ Stars

John Eidens’ Grinch

Ornament



Gerry Ruplingers’ Bison

& Indian Head Carvings

Ernie Tuckers’

Old Man Spoon