

Minutes of the Lake Erie Woodturners Chapter Meeting

American Association of Woodturners

March 16, 2024

Officers Present: Ron Tomasch, President; Joe Weinpert, Vice-President; Sharon McDonough, Secretary; John Kolat, Treasurer

Members attending: Attendance List attached

The regular monthly meeting of the Lake Erie Woodturners Chapter of the AAW was called to order via Zoom at 9:30 am by President Ron Tomasch.

President's Report:

1. Ron expressed gratitude to Jack Eisler for finding a new facility for our meetings. The new location will be in the Manchester Building on the school campus grounds in Perry, Ohio. Ron will put a sign out indicating the entrance door for future meetings. He will send an email with the exact address before the next meeting.
2. Those who are available should meet at 9:00 at our regular meeting location on Saturday, March 23 to help move all our equipment to the new location. Any boxes you can bring will be appreciated.
3. The large lathe is currently at Ron's for repairs, but he hopes to move it before next Saturday. Ron will have his trailer and Steve Schreve has a van that he will bring to carry our equipment.
4. Ron will have a key fob to get into the Manchester Building. Our new room has a new door lock and new keys so that only Ron will have access to the room. The building has alarms in the hallways but Ron will have the code to turn off the alarm where we will be. He cautioned members that there will be a cone marked STOP to indicate the point at which members should not proceed. If they do, the alarm will sound and the police and fire departments will respond. They will be paid overtime on Saturdays so the charge for a false alarm is \$300-\$500.
5. For future meetings, Ron would like members to show up between 9:00 and 9:30 because someone must be at the door to let us in. However, if you arrive before or after those times, call Ron's cell (216) 214-1959 so he can let you in.

6. We will be entering the building near our sign and there is plenty of parking close to the door. Walk to the end of the hall and turn right. Look for our sign near a classroom door. Members of LEWT are responsible for cleaning up the room after a meeting which includes getting rid of all garbage. Ron will ask if there's a dumpster to throw trash and shavings after each meeting. Ron stated that there are other groups who meet in the building and they pay rent. We are not being charged which is why keeping our room clean is important.
7. Unfortunately, we can not mount anything to the walls or ceiling or drill any holes. Ron bought carts to hold our monitors. Ron will submit the Amazon bill to be reimbursed.
8. Mark Bielech will be responsible for moving the audio/visual equipment. There is a problem with our 20+ years old camera so it will be replaced. Temporary repairs have not been successful. Ron and Mark will need to figure out a new way to mount the cameras.
9. Since our new location is actually a classroom, we will not need to use the flip chart because we can use the chalkboard. We will still have room for the Show and Tell table.
10. Bill and Steve Neubert and Ron will remove the air-conditioner from our old meeting place, sell it, and put the money into our account.
11. The deadline for membership dues has been extended until the April meeting.
12. Ron mentioned that Members may want to send Pat New a thank you note for allowing us to use his building for the past several years.

IRD Attendance

1. Ron Tomasch
2. Charlie Irish
3. Dave Manupella
4. Greg Seymour
5. Isabel Quayle
6. Jack Eisler
7. Joe Weinpert
8. Joe Herrmann
9. John Kolat
10. Larry Reichard
11. Mark Bielech
12. Jeff Furman
13. Tom Pavlik
14. Bill Neubert
15. Steve Neubert
16. Sharon McDonough
17. Steve Klaue
18. Rich ?