

Ada County Woodworkers Meeting

Minutes for January 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by President Bill Nowlin.

Visitors & New Members

Visitors: Michael Bantam, Ken & Michele Freeze, John Hinman

New Member: John Hostetter

Treasurer's Report

Bill Johnson sent in a report by email. The current balance as of 1/14/23 is \$682.78.

Announcements/Discussion

Bill Nowlin said he wanted to stress that “this is our club” and it is what we make of it. He would like see more participation in things like the toy project, show and tell, etc. In addition to toys for the Shriners, Ronald McDonald House, Shoebox for Hope is another possible recipient. Bill suggested we try to provide 100 cars for them.

Idaho Artistry in Wood and Gourd Show

The show will be April 1st and 2nd at the JUMP center. Drop off entries on March 31st from 12 Noon to 6PM and pick them up at 4PM on Sunday. There are four experience levels for entries: Youth, Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. There is no charge for youth entries; others are \$5 per entry on the day of registration. Admission is \$5.

The club is responsible for objects for the raffle and each auction (silent and live at the banquet). Michael Giltzow is helping to line up an auctioneer. JUMP has been approached about making the banquet buffet style. The banquet starts at 6PM on Saturday with the no-host bar open at 5PM.

Next month there will be a signup sheet for volunteers.

Shriners Toys

There will be a toy assembly session January 21st at the Maker Shop from 11AM to approximately 3 PM, although you don't have to be there full time. There will be some snacks and drinks. About 700 cars are ready for assembly. In the future Bill would like to have wider participation; perhaps asking each member to cut out some number of cars.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Raffle

The first item was Bill Johnson's box won by Bill Nowlin. A \$10.00 Woodcraft gift card, 2 books, and a piece of Zircote were raffled off.

Show and Tell

Bill Johnson talked about his raffle box mad from honey locust, coastal oak, and poplar he received from Paul Verhage at the Christmas gift exchange. He added a piece of cherry for a handle. To get enough wood, the panels are only 1/8th inch thick.



Bill Nowlin had a table he made for his wife using $\frac{3}{4}$ inch and 2 inch pine from Home Depot. It was a quick project.



Cheri Henney had her “piano” cutting board made from cherry, maple, black walnut and walnut veneer (strips between the keys). It was finished using Odie’s Oil.



She also had some Christmas gifts made on the CNC machine using MDF. Design took about 45 minutes and machining about 20. (The photo is a bit fuzzy because of my poor phone camera work. AEH)



Michael Giltzow brought in two acoustic guitar necks he is working on. They feature inlay work done with his CNC machine including inlay within inlay with white mother of pearl and reconstituted turquoise.



Paul Verhage had some more of his found wood projects. Calligraphy work with frames of honey locust, tools for calligraphy, and a Russian olive ink holder. The writing stand is based on a design from the middle ages.





Presentation

Paul Verhage talked about his methods for finding and processing local pieces of wood for his projects.

He looks for free wood in places like Craigslist, orchard wood, even asking about wood if he sees some trees being cut when driving.

He uses a couple of electric chainsaws and a small chainsaw mill rig purchase on Amazon. To get an initial flat surface he has been using an electric hand planer.



To dry the wood he air dries it using stickers from scrap pallets. For 1" rough lumber it takes about 3 months to dry to 6-8%. Cheap latex paint is used on the ends to reduce checking.

To avoid using a jointer to flatten the first side, he has a jig he uses with a small thickness planer. Shims are placed under the rough lumber on the sled so they don't rock and multiple light passes are taken to reduce the tendency of the planer's pressure rollers to flatten out any warping not completely supported.



A long straightedge attached to the table saw fence allows him to straighten one edge of the smaller pieces he works with since proper selection of the correct edge allows it to be supported by the same points all the way through

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Alan Hochhalter, Secretary

Upcoming Events

Toy assembly session 11 AM to 3 PM or so, January 21 at the Maker Shop in the Overland Park Shopping Center.

Next meeting: 6:30 PM, February 8 at Woodcraft in Boise.

The 2023 Idaho Artistry in Wood and Gourds Show is April 1st and 2nd at the JUMP center. Show entries will be dropped off on March 31st.

2023 Officers

President – Bill Nowlin

Vice President – Tim Cripe

Treasurer – Bill Johnson

Secretary – Alan Hochhalter

Meeting Refreshments – vacant

Member-At-Large – vacant