

DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 5 via Zoom

Meeting Chairperson: George Rodgers

I. Call to order – 7:01 pm

II. Members present / Introductions

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gordon Brand	<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Harvey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Hoffman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Kalscheur
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce Kinney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vaibhav Konanur	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Kramer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Kubica
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce Metzdorf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lee Nye	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Olson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Howard Peterson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Rodgers	<input type="checkbox"/> Carl Shaffer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Wesolowicz	<input type="checkbox"/> John Wiedemann
<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Wieting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Young		

III. Agenda additions – No additions were proposed.

IV. Approval of the minutes from the previous DPWW board meeting - The prior meeting minutes were approved.

V. Treasurer's report – Dave Wesolowicz – We currently have **\$ 13,952.51** in our accounts. In the prior week, Dave sent out a package of comparative financial information for the Board to review.

VI. Communications

- A. President's communication – George Rodgers - Christmas gifts for the church staff was well received.

VII. Committee Reports

- **Membership** – Mike Kalscheur – Four (4) new members were added in December bringing our total membership to 218. Approximately 70% of the membership has now been renewed.
- **Library** – Tom Kubica – No new information to report.
- **Publicity** – Mark Wieting – No report.
- **Prizes** – Bruce Kinney – January and February prizes are ready. There is a good start on purchasing prizes for the year.
- **Toy Workshop** – George Rodgers – We will soon need to ramp up toy production. George will be scheduling the first toy workshop.
- **Newsletter** – John Wiedemann – No report. Articles are due by noon on Friday.

From Our Workshop – Lee Nye – We have a supply of items from Woodcraft.

- **Activities** – Vaibhav Konanur – Thursday, January 8th, will be a visit to Owl Hardwoods in Des Plaines. The tour begins at 2:30pm and is currently full. No plans have been developed for February at this time.
- **Programs** – Bruce Metzdorf – January's program will be by 3M Abrasives. The February program will be done by Mark Dreyer on turning platters or peppermills.
- **Audio Visual** – Howard Peterson – A group is meeting at the church tomorrow in order to resolve the audio issues with the Zoom general meeting broadcasts. Additionally, Howie has been reviewing some wireless microphones for the general meetings.
- **Web** – Bill Hoffman – We are looking at option for updating the website. One issue is that there are 5,200 photos for *From Our Workshop* projects that need to be moved. An option to move to Google's photo album application is under consideration. Finally, we have been getting a number of new member applications that appear to be machine generated (not really people). We are exploring an option to prove you are a real person when filling out the form.
- **Tools** – Gordon Brand – A couple of individuals have tools that will soon be available for purchase. One of these individuals also has a wood supply that will be sold later this year.
- **Clothing** – George Rodgers - No report.

XIII. Old Business

- a. **Holiday Party** - George Rodgers – About 50 people attended the Holiday Party. Generally, feedback has been positive. A suggestion was made to consider expanding the food choices.
- b. **Digital privacy issue** – George Rodgers – We reached out to two members that are attorneys, but have yet to receive feedback. This issue will be tabled until the next board meeting.

IX. New Business

- a. **Treasurer audit committee** – An Audit Committee needs to be set up in order to review our financials for 2025. The three members that did the review last year will once again be asked to review the financials for 2025.
- b. Treasury budget and balances discussion- Dave Wesolowicz
 1. Dave indicated that we should have no issue with retaining a larger cash on hand balance given our size.
 2. Dave walked through a year-to-year comparison of our finances explain the differences.
 3. A proposed budget for 2026 was reviewed. One suggestion was made, and agreed upon, to expand the programs budget to \$1,000. A motion was made and approved to approve the revised budget.

Adjournment: 8:07pm