

**SCF Woodcrafters Club - General Membership Meeting – January 19, 2024**

1. **Meeting called to order at 10:00** - Freddy Prellwitz – President
  - SCFWC Board Members present: Freddy Prellwitz – President, Kenny Wickham – Vice President, David Owen – Safety Director, Robin Rasamny – Treasurer, Leila Mirza – Secretary, Carolyn Yeo – Member at Large, Purchasing, Tom Bobak – Member at Large, Calibration & Maintenance.
  - Attendance: 48 members of 229 (paid members). Quorum established (21% attending, 15% required).
  
2. **New Members** – The team onboarded 20 new members in the past 30 days. New members present:
  - **David Brown** – Renting through March. Signed up for membership, went through orientation and mentoring, and finished his project. Now building a bench for the bathroom. Have basic tools at home.
  - **Ron McCabe** – From the Seattle area. Built a shed and helped dad on large projects. Joined the woodshop to work on smaller, detailed projects.
  - **Karl Kleifgen** – Snowbird from Wisconsin. Likes working with his hands. Does not have finer wood experience. Wants to work on the lathe and smaller/finer projects.
  - **Glenn Cole** – Started out in construction with his dad. Has done home renovations. Built a shoe rack for his wife’s 3000 pairs of shoes!

Welcome to the shop!
  
3. **Prior Minutes (December 15, 2023)** – Posted on the Club website. Motion to adopt as read approved by Robin Rasamny and seconded by Don Weber.

4. **Treasurer’s Report** – Robin Rasamny

Bank account balance (last statement)	<b>\$ 12,431.15</b> (12/31/2023)
Current Checkbook Balance	<b>\$ 12,216.51</b> (12/31/2023)

<b>2023 Year Income and Expenses (Year to Date):</b>	
2023 Year Income (YTD)	<b>\$31,427.99</b>
2023 Year Expenses (YTD)	<b>\$31,964.14</b>
<b>Net Difference:</b>	<b>\$ (536.15)</b>

<b>Income (year to date):</b>	
2023 March Craft Sale	\$ 7,246.69
2023 November Craft Sale	\$ 2,310.00
2024 Dues	\$ 3,480.00
Contributions & Donations	\$ 546.00
Dues	\$ 8,115.00
Locker Rent, Fines & Misc. Inc	\$ 2,986.30
Registration Fees	\$ 5,775.00
Wood Sales	\$ 969.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$31,427.99</b>

<b>Expenses (year to date):</b>	
Other	\$ 5,677.42
Club Projects	\$ 2,456.13
Consumable Shop Supplies	\$ 3,879.60
Craft Sale Payout	\$ 1,713.01
Craft Sale Payout 2023 March	\$ 6,508.18
Office Supplies & Equipment	\$ 2,699.30
Refunds, Misc. Exp & Class Supplies	\$ 294.15
Shop Tools, Equipment, Facilities	\$ 7,836.35
Wood Purchased for Resale	\$ 900.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$31,964.14</b>

<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>\$ - 536.15</b>
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2022 Year Ending Balance	\$12,752.66
2023 Year End Balance Target	\$13,252.65

- During the month we added 4 new members. Income for the month was \$6,194.00 which included \$4,470.00 of 2024 income from dues and locker rents. Expenditures for the month were \$1,380.25. The largest expenditure was the purchase of sandpaper belts totaling \$240.50.
- As of the 15th, we had 229 paid members and 59 rented lockers.

Motion made to approve the financial report. Approved by Jim Meyer and seconded by Paul Scheibelhut.

#### 5. Old Business

- **Log-Cutting** – We purchased a new blade, so we will resume log-cutting. We had a log-cutting mentoring meeting this morning. If no supervisor signs up, there will be no log cutting.
  - Member Comment – The constraints on log-cutting (once a month) make it extremely difficult to work on a project, particularly for someone who is seasonal.
    - Freddy: The committee has researched purchasing a bigger band saw, but determined it was too dangerous and would take up space. The best option would be to borrow a chain saw or have the logs professionally cut.
- **2024 Dues** – If you did not pay your dues by the 15th, you owe the Club a \$10 late fee. Thanks to Robin for putting in the hours compiling all the financial data, and to Marsha for getting all the new badges.
- **NYE Gala Box** – Thank you to everyone who put their creative talent into it.
- **Pottery Cabinets** – Started last fall and will be done tomorrow. This was a complicated project.

#### 6. New Business

- **Monday Night Training** – Sessions have gone very well, with over 30 members attending each of the last two.
  - o Jim Wright and Freddy will collaborate on a project to make inlay picture frames.
  - o Jim Meyer will be teaching all the secrets in the glue room (limited to 10 attendees but will schedule another if there is enough interest).
  - o Rob Larson will be demonstrating how to make a cheese slicer in February. Rob will furnish one kit per attendee (cost \$7).
  - o Still looking for instructors to fill in the last Monday in January and all March sessions. You do not have to be a green badge to demonstrate a skill or a project you do well.
- **Board Elections** – Coming up in March. Kenny has offered to be the ‘solicitor.’ He will be accepting nominations for the positions of President, Purchasing, and Treasurer. See Glenn Wantz or Kenny Wickham if you are interested in serving on the board in one of these positions.
- **Sales Expo** – There will be two Expos in 2024. Members may only sell \$500 worth in all of 2024 – across all clubs. The first Expo this year will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm. Nancy McIntosh will help manage the Expo with Dave. See post on GroupWorks:
  - o Respond to Nancy via text if you are planning to participate.
  - o Attend mandatory sellers’ meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Send spreadsheets to Dave by February 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Members with only a few items to sell can have them displayed on a communal table versus their own.
  - o Volunteers will be needed to help with the event; it is a terrific way for new members to get to know the sellers and see the type of projects they can create in the shop. Pizza and snacks will be offered.
- **Safety Concern** – Winter is here. No long sleeves in the shop. If you do wear long sleeves, they must be pulled above the elbows. Do not leave your jackets in the shop. Take them home with you.
- **Equipment Needs** – The Equipment Needs Committee met in late December and discussed the following:
  - o **2023 Equipment** – The Jointer/Planer is not in place yet. The HOA’s concern is that the panel is full. The team has found a 220v outlet and will have to move things around to get the new Jointer/Planer installed. No word from the HOA on timeframe for installation.

- As we move forward, we can replace the existing 220v equipment, but not add new equipment. We are not only electrically constrained, but space constrained as well.
  - We can ask the HOA if adding a sub-panel is an option. This is their building and their equipment, so ultimately, they are the decision-makers.
- **2024 New Equipment** – The shop was built in 2011 so most of the green equipment is 12-13 years old. We do not want all of them to crash at the same time, so we try to replace them. The Equipment Needs Committee presented two options for purchase this year:
  - A new SawStop so we are consistent between the two.
  - A horizontal oscillating Sander which will be more efficient.
    - The ENC will meet again before February’s General membership meeting to put together a proposal for approval by members before submitting it to the HOA. Members are asked to reach out to the committee with any other ideas or recommendations for equipment.
- **2025 New Equipment** - Thoughts for 2025 is to replace one of the Lathes. Dave Dietz has agreed to chair a Lathe-focus group to research and make recommendations on the latest high-tech versions available. Dave needs volunteers, so if you would like to be on this committee or co-chair it with Dave, please reach out to him.
- **Future Equipment** – The Equipment Needs Committee is also tasked with putting together a multi-year plan to replace current equipment, including smaller tools.
  - Member Question – How are capital projects funded?
    - Freddy: When a new home is sold, 2% of that goes into an HOA fund to take care of all the maintenance and facilities in the community. Pulte purchased the original equipment, and paid 100% for the CNC, Planer/Joiner, etc. Every year, we submit a proposal to the HOA for the purchase of one or two new pieces of equipment. If approved, they use Care Funds to cover most of the cost, so we only pay the difference in price between the original and new piece of equipment. We also ask for approval to purchase equipment with the Club’s own monies, since we cannot exceed \$500 year-over-year increase in our bank account.
- **Table Clutter** – Members are leaving piles of wood under tables. If they do not fit in an upright, a bin or a locker, take them home, or they may disappear.
- **Mentors and Monitors** – The rule of eight members per monitor must be adhered to. If a green badge is mentoring, he cannot be a monitor. If no other green badge is available to monitor, members will be turned away and the shop will be closed. There is always a need for more monitors. Training is available. Reach out to Dave if you are interested.
- **Stand** – Jim McIntosh built a stand underneath the chop saw for short members. It has been tested and is safe to use. Please push it back underneath after use.
- **Membership Growth** – Not enough slots for all members’ name badges. Bobby will build two additional slots.
- **Empty Drums** – Drums should be emptied on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays. Everything in the shop will shut down so everyone can help get this done. Doing this regularly will ensure the drums do not get heavy and no one needs to do a lot of lifting. This may sometimes be done a bit later in the day when more members are in the shop to help.
- **Powermatic Sander** – The belt was destroyed because of excessive cranking, so it is down for maintenance. Please follow the rules for each piece of equipment and use it with care.
  - **The same applies to the Planer/Sander.** So much glue is removed from these tools because members are using them before the glue is dry. Projects must be left overnight after gluing before using these tools.
- **Silent Auction** – The shop will be purchasing new tools and plans to hold a silent auction to dispense with a few older tools (e.g., drills, Bosch sanders, new chop saw donation) at the next General Membership meeting.

## 7. Committee Reports

### **Carolyn Yeo, Purchasing**

- If you notice the shop is low on any item, complete a purchasing request form and put it in the basket. Be sure to provide as much information as you can about the item you are requesting to facilitate ordering.
- Freddy: The Purchasing Committee needs volunteers. Reach out to Carolyn if you would like to help.

### **Tom Bobak, Maintenance & Calibration**

- Thank you to all members for maintaining the machines and keeping them in good condition.

### **Kenny Wickham, Member Management**

- Thank you to Marsha for spending so much time and effort on updating memberships with the help of Tina, Nancy, and Kim. To date, we have 211 badges updated, and 68 members with unpaid dues. See Marsha if you do not see your badge in the drawer.

### **Dave Owen, Safety & Orientation**

- We have had a slew of new members: 28 members have been trained in the last three months and another ten have signed up for February classes. We have done a good job catching up. Thank you to all the mentors and trainers. It does take a lot of work to on-board new members.
- Clean up after you are done. Many members walk away and forget to go back and clean the tools they used.

## 8. Freddy Prellwitz, Q&A

- Jim Meyer – Spent the past four years chasing the problem of air quality. What is the trick of getting to the HOA for those air filters that were discussed? Also, there are inexpensive ways to cut down on dust using floor cleaners.
  - o Freddy: The air filters have been requested twice, but Maintenance has refused to do it. Do the research on floor cleaners and submit it for review.

Meeting adjourned 10:49 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Leila Mirza, Secretary