

## **Strait Turners – Board Meeting of October 3, 2017**

1. Treasurer's Report. As of Sept 30, 2017, the club has a bank balance of \$2,313.71 , including \$180 from the pen turning class held during September. The treasurer's report was accepted and a request to date the spreadsheet for each such report was accepted. Miscellaneous topics arising under this heading are covered in other sections below, plus:
  - a. Presenters for the balance of 2017 were listed (Russ Nieman (October meeting - former President of Olympic Peninsula AAW Club) and Jimmy Allen (November meeting). Their costs are planned for in the budget.
2. Board Meeting minutes from August 8 were reviewed with further information as follows:
  - a. Additional Board members for 2018/19 are still sought. General members will be encouraged to participate.
  - b. Books on general woodworking (not turning) have been listed for sale as used books on Amazon, as previously approved by the Board. Two have been sold.
  - c. Membership fees will continue for 2018 at \$30 for the year. Starting in January 2018 the Board agreed to raise the guest-temporary (non)member fee to \$5 per meeting.
  - d. Additional pen turning classes will be held as demand emerges.
  - e. After research into the options, it was agreed to defer purchase of a PA system pending further meeting feedback to assess whether it was really needed.
  - f. The club membership directory was reviewed. Many members have agreed to make it publicly available on the web site and methods to make it more comprehensive and complete, overtime, were agreed.
3. Elections of new Board Members. These will be held at the Nov 2017 meeting.
4. Library. The Board agreed that items that could be borrowed would be increased to two. The borrowing deposit (monthly) for two items would remain at the current amount of \$5 – refundable on return of the items. Announcement of new or special items in the library would be made at each meeting; library holdings with special interest to the topic of meeting demonstrations would be highlighted.
5. Presenters. The list of potential presenters for 2018 was discussed and suggestions for expanding this were sought from Board Members. It was noted that the general membership had wide ranging contacts to many prominent people who could be good demonstrators and their assistance would be sought in developing additional programs in 2018.
6. Membership directory. As one way to continue to collect names of members who wished to be listed in the directory, it was agreed to make a brief reminder announcement at each meeting to catch those people who may have missed filling out the form during earlier meetings.

7. Videographer and video support. Discussion was held about making the set-up easier and providing backup for when our regular volunteers might not be able to attend. Additional help is needed (to support Lynn Taylor and Mark Nebel; and supplement Jeff Childs expertise). General members would be further asked to help.
8. The short list of mentoring topic suggestions was discussed. Specific options will be discussed at the next meeting and sign-ups then sought. Richard and Lynn Taylor will conspire to coordinate their efforts to keep sizes small and practical to needs.
9. Safety Shield. The need, and options, for a safety shield were discussed. Ernie will take the lead in purchase of materials for construction of a shield that meets our unique needs in the Gardner Center room (storage size; flexibility; viewability). Costs up to \$100 were approved.
10. Other matters.
  - a. It was agreed to participate in this year's Wood Artisan's Christmas show, to be held at the Elk's Club, to promote awareness of and membership in Strait Turners Chapter of the AAW.
  - b. The Newcomer's Club of Sequim will be contacted to see how Strait Turners can have a booth at the occasional events held at the Sequim Prairie Grange (such as the Sept. 30 event) to better make our club know to newcomers. Ernie will take the lead in this.
  - c. Board minutes in final form will be provided to Tom Riette to post on the website for all membership reading.