

The Curling Chip



January 18, 2014

Trinity Lutheran Church

Flickertail Woodcarvers monthly meeting

The whittle-in project for the morning was provided by Jim Lindseth. The project was the carving of wizards from pieces of basswood and butternut scrap wood.

President Doug Emerson opened the meeting with 14 members in attendance.

Secretary Warren Schlecht read the minutes from the December, 2013 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made. Motion passed. Treasurer Ron

Holtz reported there was \$3,850 in the checking account with all bills paid. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made, seconded and passed. Librarian Ed Ryen has been updating the club library and reported doubles of some of the library books. One suggestion was to sell the surplus books in a raffle or silent auction at the 2014 Annual Carving show in October.

Election of officers will be held during the February, 2014, monthly meeting. The following are the names of the nominees: President Elect-Dale Hegland; Secretary-Warren Schlecht; Librarian-Ed Ryen; Newsletter Editor-Tom Turck; and Membership Chairman-Doug Smith. Anyone else who is interested in being nominated for the forthcoming positions should contact Bob Pedigo, Jim Lindseth, or Warren Schlecht.

Membership Chairman Doug Smith reported 70 members paid their annual dues and five still in arrears. Doug Emerson said several spots are still open for the Del Herbert Green Wing Teal class to be held on May 8-10, 2014. If interested, contact Doug or Frank Koch as we would like to get the class filled as soon as possible.

President Doug Emerson suggested that two people should be allowed to sign checks to pay bills in the event the treasurer was not available. It was proposed that the Secretary be given permission. Motion was made and seconded that the Secretary would be able to sign checks for the club in the event the treasurer was unavailable to pay a bill. Motion carried. Every year the treasurer's books are audited and Jim Lindseth volunteered to audit the books this year.

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Doug Emerson indicated that the Memory Hearts carvings that are given to the Cancer Center in Bismarck have been a hit and more are needed. One of the whittle-ins may feature the Memory Hearts carvings for the club project. Contact Doug if you have carved hearts to be donated and we can get them to the Bismarck Cancer Center.

A letter of appreciation was read to club members from the Missouri Valley Homeless Society for soup bowls given to the Society.

Doug Smith informed the club about an upcoming card tournament featuring the Fred Kist memorial. In conjunction with the card tournament is a silent auction of donated items. Proceeds go to the foundation. If interested in contributing an item to the silent auction, contact Doug Smith. Both the tournament and silent auction are on Saturday, February 22, 2014.

The Fargo Wood Carvers Show is on April 11-13. Featured carver Rick Jenson is known for his exceptional cottonwood bark carvings and whimsical houses. Bob Lawrence and Don Balfour will give a carving and painting class at Fargo on February 21-23. Participants will carve a mother and baby penguin. Cost of the class is \$100 and if interested contact Bob Lawrence in Fargo.

Jim Lindseth gave a short update on the health condition of Frank Koch who is currently in Florida for the winter. For the Show and Tell portion of the meeting, Vince Bitz exhibited a couple of his carvings to the club. He carved a very attractive Intarsia of an owl as well as a project featuring some acanthus carving.

No further business so the meeting was adjourned.

Warren Schlecht

Secretary

February 15, 2014

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Doug Emerson provided a personal name tag carving blank for the morning whittle-in project. Nine people, eight members and one guest, were in attendance. President Doug Emerson opened the meeting and Secretary Warren Schlecht read the minutes from the January, 2014 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and passed. Treasurer Ron Holtz was absent so no treasurer's report was given to the group.

Doug Emerson reported that due to health issues, Del Herbert will not be able to teach the whittle-in class scheduled for May, 2014. Frank Koch however has made arrangements with John Cottenham to teach a class. A well known cork decoy carver



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from Gladwin, Michigan. John has a web page you can check out: www.jacducks.com
The date of the class is May 2-4 (Friday-Sunday) and John will teach a cork decoy carving and painting class. Participants can paint either a hen or a drake mallard. The wood head will be carved with power or hand tools and the cork body with hand tools. A list of suggested tools, paint brushes and paint will be provided in the near future by John. The cost of the class will be \$90, which includes a blank. A second blank is \$30 and I will need to know by March 12.

For those who have signed up for the Del Herbert class and are interested in taking or not taking this class, please contact me ASAP. If you did not signed up for the Del Herbert class but would like to take the working cork decoy carving class, please contact me - there are couple open spots so it will be first ones to contact me who get a place.

Election of officers was held with the reading of the nominees to be elected. The nominees are as follows: President Elect-Dale Hegland; Secretary-Warren Schlecht; Librarian-Ed Ryen; Newsletter Editor-Tom Turck; and Membership Chairman-Doug Smith. Bob Pedigo moved and Jim Lindseth seconded the motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Motion passed.

The woodcarving club in Garrison, ND is planning a participants project for Saturday, March 22, 2014 in Garrison. Roger Duchsherer from Minot will teach the day long class. Anyone interested should contact Roger. Doug Emerson said Memory Hearts carvings given to the Cancer Center in Bismarck have been a hit and they need more. The carved hearts, in a variety of different styles, are given to cancer patients. They really appreciate them. We may be carving Memory Hearts for the April whittle-in project to help replenish the Cancer Center's inventory. Also contact Doug if you have completed hearts to donate so we can get them to the Bismarck Cancer Center.

For the Show and Tell, Jim Lindseth showed the club a couple of carved bears. And Doug Emerson presented a tool carrier he made of duck cloth to carry some of his small hand tools.

No further business so the meeting was adjourned.

Warren Schlecht

Secretary

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