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Minutes of the October 21, 2010 meeting

Wayne Collins opening the meeting at the Steelyard in Providence, RI



Guests at the meeting were Bob Pouliot of Bellingham (friend of Mickey Goodman) and Tony Ciccone of Wakefield (friend of Gene Amaral). There were about 3 dozen people at the meeting in the large steel shed at the rear of the Steelyard property.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob reported that the club had \$1436 in our treasury and our paid membership is 110.

Turning 25 Celebration The description of the turning project was circulated again. So far, no one has indicated any interest in participating.

Steam Engine

The club would like a home for the steam engine model which is going to Smithfield High School for a few weeks. It may be possible to exhibit the steam engine model at the South County Museum. Need a high volume, low pressure compressor to operate it – needs more than 4cfm, maybe 6 cfm would work. The unit on sale at Harbor Freight will not operate it. Henry Allsworth will look into Ebay, Craigslist, and other places to see what is available in used, condition

NEW BUSINESS:

Empty Bowls project - The 2011 AAW Annual Symposium “Return to the Community” project is *Empty Bowls*. The goal of the Empty Bowls project is to raise money for organizations to fight hunger, to raise awareness about the issues of hunger and food security, and to help bring about an attitude that will not allow hunger to exist.

Many AAW local chapters have participated in the Empty Bowls project, raising funds and awareness. This year, we'll be up-scaling the project by going world-wide. At the 2011 Symposium Instant Gallery, donated bowls will be collected, displayed and sold. Bowl purchasers, in exchange for their donation, will be given a bowl to keep as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world.

We (the AAW) would like to issue a request - *a challenge* - for every AAW member to contribute a bowl to the project. We would also like to challenge each chapter to donate 25 bowls to the 2011 Return to the Community project. With the foundation of past local chapter successes, what better way to continue this project...celebrating our woodturning community and woodturning skills, by turning bowls that result in donations to feed the hungry.

Angelo suggested having a "bowl-a-rama" at his shop one day during the Thanksgiving weekend for club members to gather and turn bowls. We could bring our club lathes to add to the lathes in his shop. Other members may also host turning sessions at their shops.

Whispering Pines conference a memo about a forthcoming conference at Whispering Pines was circulated and will be sent out to the club members after the meeting. The memo asked for someone to demonstrate woodturning in return for free meals during the conference .

Meeting room

This was our last scheduled meeting at Steelyard for time being.

Next, and future, meetings at Mike Murray's basement in the Cross Country Cookie Factory at 116 Warren St. in Pawtucket RI. We will be able to leave our library and lathes in the basement. The club's new Delta lathe and stand is at Woodcraft, our Jet mini lathe is at Jeff Mee's place, and there is a Jet 1236 presently on loan to the Tiverton Middle School which may not be used by the school. There is a drill press and a grinder available in the Cookie Factory basement. Bob Hopkins has a table saw that can be refurbished and brought over for the club.

Angelo reported that artists renting local studio space are paying \$500/month for 600-1200 square feet of space.

Discussion about club future was started about which way to go as a club, not just in finding a new meeting place, but in deciding what the club focus ought to be.

Some members felt that if anyone wants to learn an aspect of woodturning that they do not know, or feel comfortable doing, they should go to another club member who knows more and get some instruction. A few years ago the club posted a list of mentors which needs updating and reposting

Other members felt strongly that, with the closing of craft centers (ex Brookfield in CT, Woodturning in RI dropping classes, schools dropping shop classes in favor of computer labs, etc)) there are few places for a person, off the street, or just curious, to go to learn which will lead to the withering of turning as our members die off.

Woodturning participation at the Tiverton Middle School has dropped. At one point there were 10-12 students learning turning. This session has 4 students. Our club members provide assistance teaching for the students at the Middle school to support the shop teacher who is not a woodturner.

Oversimplifying - the activists suggest developing a long term plan and finding a site where we can meet, and teach woodturning. The traditionalists suggest all we need is to have a place to meet and exchange ideas. Henry Allsworth and Wayne Collins will draw up a long term plan for the club to consider. It was mentioned that our plans could change depending upon who the officers of the club were after our next election.

Elections : As per our by-laws, a nominating committee was drawn up to find officers for next year. The committee is supposed to propose a slate of officers at the November meeting, and the club votes on the officers in the December meeting. The committee consists of Gene Amaral, Tony Scuncio, and Henry Allsworth

Show and Tell

Mickey Goodman showed a number of recently turned items

Small Spalted maple bowl



Lidded bowl with Drozda inspired finial



Black walnut bowl



Dyed and spalted Silver maple bowl



.A walnut bowl that broke before it was finished and became a wall sconce for dried flowers.



Dick Cady
Segmented bowl using Lignum Vitae
and Bloodwood



Ray Alexandre
Open segmented hollow form having
10 rings of 12 segments per ring, using
Mahogany and Cherry



Bernie Feinerman
Winged bowl from unknown
spalted wood



Demonstration

The Demonstration of buffing was postponed since we had no lathe at the Steelyard.

Wood Raffle

No wood raffle was held.

Bob Hopkins and a friend brought an assortment of wood and tools belonging to a sculptor who recently had to enter an assisted living facility. Club members individually offered money for anything that they were interested in.. Bob and friend converted much of the material into dollars for the sculptor.

Reminder – Please update your membership data in our Oceanwoodturners group at Yahoo.com. If you have problems updating, please contact Jeff Mee at jmee@hotmail.com

Anyone with photos/ideas, of interest to the club, should send them to Henry Allsworth.henry@allsworth.com

Next Month Meeting

**Thursday, November 18 at the Cross Country Cookie Factory
116 Warren St., Pawtucket, RI**

**Tony Scuncio will demonstrate Buffing using the Beal
system**