

AWA General meeting: May 5, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Bob Congdon.

Minutes of the April 7th, 2018 meeting that were distributed via e-mail were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim Vik provided the treasurer's report, which was approved as read. Jim reported that the club balance is strong for this time of year, but reserves are needed for a future facility. A financial audit, with help from Ron Ringel, will commence the 3rd week of May. Jim also reminded everyone that in addition to Amazon Smile, members can sign up with Fred Meyer Rewards to have donations from that program directed to the club.

Del's Shop Cleaning

Bob Flint thanked everyone that came out to help move club equipment and help clean up Del's shop. Also, a special thanks to Del for generously letting the club occupy his space for about 10 years. Bob presented Del with a card and token of the club's appreciation.

Facility Search

The search for a new facility remains in progress, but nothing suitable has been found. Bob Flint encouraged anyone who knows of a space and has a contact name associated with that space to let him or Bob Lane know. A survey was passed around to attendees inquiring what level of financial support in the form of increased dues members are likely to support to fund classroom space.

Picnic

The picnic is scheduled for June 2nd from 11:00 to 3:00 at Abbott Loop Community Park (8101 Elmore Rd), the same location as last year. The club will provide the main course and members are asked to bring a side dish. We'll plan on eating around noon. There will be a turning competition in which participants will be given 10 minutes to turn an item out of poplar. Heather Ashley is looking for about 8 willing participants. Please bring your own tools.

State Fair Demonstrating

The State Fair runs from August 21 – Sept 3 and Chris Remick is looking for volunteers to demonstrate woodturning. He is trying to fill 64 two-hour time slots, with three people during each slot (two turners and one ambassador). More information on how to sign up online will be forthcoming. Chris also thanked everyone for their help with the Bean's Empty Bowl Project and reminded attendees that a coordinator is needed for next year.

Chess Set Project

Amy thanked everyone for their participation in the chess board project. Only four pieces remain to be turned in. The set will be taken to the National Symposium in Portland in June.

Fire & Fibre

Tom Coghill reminded everyone that the Anchorage Museum Fire & Fibre entries are due in mid-June. A photo must be submitted and the selection committee will then determine which pieces they want to see in person.

Demonstration

John Lane gave a great demonstration of the basket weave design finishing technique.