

AWA General meeting: Sept 8, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Bob Congdon.

Minutes of the May 5th, 2018 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim Vik provided the treasurer's report, which was approved as read. Jim reported that a \$500 grant from ConocoPhillips was received, as well as \$17 from AmazonSmile. Fred Meyer Rewards designations are only sent out once a balance of \$25 is reached. Jim reminded members to sign up for AmazonSmile and Fred Meyer Rewards and to designate AWA as the beneficiary of their programs.

Membership Dues

Bob Congdon talked about the rationale for increasing club dues to \$60/year as the club looks towards the time we must pay for facility space. Financial flexibility is needed to cover 1st & last month's rent and other expenses associated with paying for space. Brian Seitz discussed the results of the dues survey that was taken at the May meeting. Of the 53 respondents, 13% indicated they support no dues increase, with the remaining 87% responding that they would support an increase of at least \$10/month. The Board elected to implement a more modest increase to build savings until specific facility costs are known. Survey responses also indicated 58% had taken a class in the past year, and 77% in the last three years, suggesting classes are an important part of what the club offers. 45% would likely not utilize club shop space for their turning while 17% indicated they would.

Bean's Empty Bowl Project

Billy Poole has set a target of 400 bowls for Beans this year. Bill reported that a turning party is scheduled for Saturday, Sept 29th at Tom Dooley's facility to rough turn bowls for Bean's. He's looking for approximately 12 people, at least half of which are experienced turners. All participants must be a club member and have taken the beginning class. Bill will pass around a sign-up sheet for those that are interested.

Classes

Bob Flint thanked Tom Dooley for the use of his Glass, Sash & Doors facility for turning classes. A beginning class will start on Sept 25th and is full. If at least eight people sign up, another class will start on the 26th of Sept. Email Bob at bobflint47@gmail.com if interested. On Saturday, Dec 8th from 9 am to noon, an off-center tool handle class will be held. The cost is \$90 and includes all materials.

Facility Search

Bob Flint reported that the club is still looking for permanent shop space, but in the interim will be using Tom Dooley's Glass, Sash & Doors facility.

Recognition

Bob Congdon talked about the club being named Bean's Café non-profit partner of the year for AWA's efforts in supporting their Empty Bowl Project fundraiser.

State Fair Demonstrating

Chris Remick gave a State Fair demonstration update, during which members rough turned 114 bowls for Bean's Café. Participants had a good time, with 61% of the time slots filled by turners.

Charitable Opportunity

John Combs is looking for help making toys for Providence Hospital for Christmas Day. If interested, please let John know. He will also be passing around a sign-up sheet.

Demonstration

Dave Staeheli gave a very informative demonstration on making salt & pepper shakers, with an emphasis on how to make and use pin chucks.