

GUILD OF OREGON WOODWORKERS

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BOARD MINUTES

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The September meeting of the Board was called to order at 5:10 pm by President John DuBay at Bridge City Tools in Portland. The minutes of the July meeting were approved as circulated.

Announcements: Bob Oswald was introduced as the Writers' Coordinator for the Newsletter. He will assist the Newsletter editor in providing articles and help in the transition to the new Newsletter format. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve this new position. Bob will solicit volunteers from the membership to contribute articles.

John DuBay met with Jim Tolpin from the Seattle area who has written many woodworking books. Jim may be willing to present a seminar next season for our seminar series. Details are to be worked out.

Treasurer's 3rd quarter report will be presented next month.

Sponsorship Committee report accepted as received from Ed Ferguson via e-mail

Shows report by George DuBois: State Fair booth was run under the auspices of NWWAGA and was successful. The Woodworking Show (annual tool show at the Expo Center) will be held in October this year, rather than November. We will have a double booth with demonstrations, information about the Guild and its activities, and solicitation of new members. Volunteers to man the booth will be conscripted at tonight's meeting. The Best of Northwest-Guild of Oregon Woodworkers combined craft and woodworking show for December 5th is coming together nicely. Thirty booths have been firmly reserved, with potential interest for ten or fifteen more. There was general agreement that a banner sign is needed for our show booth. A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize George to have such a sign made. It was agreed that an updated logo be produced for the banner and for the advertising for this show. The Board reserved the right to vote at a later time to select a different logo if it was deemed necessary. Members can contact George DuBois for more specific information regarding the show.

Scholarship report by Lee Johnson: Diane Ambrose is the recipient of the second Guild "external" scholarship grant. She will take the joinery concentration program at Northwest Woodworking Studio next month. The selection committee found her application to be the most worthy of those considered.

Seminars report by John Sharp: The season is winding down and has

been successful. His goal for next season is to start the seminars earlier, perhaps in February, slack off in the summer months and pick up again in the fall. He will begin planning now for next season and hopes to have a tentative schedule available for the tool show. The Board thanked John for taking over the seminars program in mid year and doing such a good job. The Board will expect a full report of the seminar program, including attendance figures and financial report after the season is over.

Board Retreat: Gail Haskett presented a packet of materials for the upcoming retreat at Silver Lake Resort on October 2nd and 3rd. This included the agenda, room assignments, early and present versions of the by-laws, survey results, and other background material. She also discussed the role of the facilitator and the importance of keeping on schedule and on task during the meeting. Dean Mattson added that it is important to look forward to what the Guild needs to be in the future, rather than to be fixated on the past. We all hope that the retreat will give the Board a clear sense of direction and new energy in helping the Guild to serve its expanding and increasingly diverse membership. Lee Johnson is preparing and will distribute by e-mail several discussion papers to highlight some of the issues that need to be addressed at the retreat. Comments are appreciated before the retreat and may facilitate easier resolution at the meeting. The Board thanked Gail, Dean and Lee for their efforts in preparing us for the retreat.

New Business: Roger Tuck requested some assistance in the preparation and cleanup for the Christmas Party. He will ask for volunteers at the general meeting. Lee Johnson volunteered his home for the event and the date will be Wednesday, December 15th.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to reimburse George DuBois for the PA system which he bought . All agreed that it has made a big difference in the ability of our speakers to be heard effectively by our large audiences.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

(Minutes submitted by Tom McCann)