

Guild of Oregon Woodworkers

September Board Meeting

Friday 9/25/2009 5:30 to 6:30pm

Attending: Bob Oswald, Bill Bolstad, Brian Warrington, , Norm Michaud, Ariel Enriquez, John Semm, Regis Andrade, Chuck Landers,, the shop teacher (Sorry I don't know his name), Gig Lewis, , Jim Hall

Brief discussion of officers. Currently willing to serve are:

President	Bob Oswald
VP	<i>open</i>
Secretary	Bob emailed Larry. No response yet.
Treasurer	<i>Dick is retiring. Bob has signature authority in the meantime.</i>
Membership	Norm Michaud
Education	Gig Lewis
Meetings	Regis DeAndrade
Shows	<i>open</i>
Communications	Bob Oswald
At Large Professional	Bill Bolstad
At Large General	Brian Warrington

The rest of the time was spent discussing the changes in Portland School District's attitude to charge the Guild (all Guilds) for using the school. It started at atourn \$1500 per event, and has dropped to \$10/hour plus \$50/hour if a custodian is required to open the doors. For a Saturday class that's about 8 hours or \$480. This fee is prohibitive to us holding classes at Franklin. The Friday meeting is currently covered by \$10/hour since a custodian is already on duty until 9pm. But we must be out by 9, as evidenced by some hostilities this weekend of the David Marks program where we ran over on Friday and Saturday.

Other meeting options were discussed very briefly. Such as TechShop, Northwest Woodworking Studio, other schools. All have tradeoffs and each will require further investigation. The final push will come in a couple of weeks. Gig has currently been spearheading an effort to gather data to present to the Superintendent and/or school board that show what at least our Guild does for Franklin School. This includes many hundred hours of teaching for free at several of the school shop classes. The Guild has also donated cash from most classes held at Franklin as well as hard goods such as the pallet jack currently in use there.

Whether any of this has any value remains to be seen. We could be looking for a new home for meetings and classes.

We will plan to hear from Gig about any resolution.

Submitted by Bob Oswald