

Tri-County Woodturners

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2024

1. **Welcome** – Jeff Langsner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Henderson offered the Invocation.
2. **Members and Guests** - There were 32 members, new members and guests in attendance.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Ron Bodnar presented the treasurers report. He reported that we ended the month of December with an ending balance of \$2,968.41. More details can be found on our website.
4. **Minutes of last meeting** - posted on website.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Hybrid Meetings / Hardware Switchbox**- Jeff show the hardware switchbox that has been developed by Ron Browning for use at FWS. The cost of these is approximately \$500 each. The club has received about \$90 toward the projected cost of hosting hybrid meetings. Please consider donating to this fund. Jeff is working with the Recreation Department to resolve the lack of an internet connection in the community building. There are several other regular users of the building that have also asked for this.
 - b. **State Fair**- Rick Donaldson gave a brief presentation on the upcoming 2024 Florida State Fair and the opportunity to participate in the Woodturning Demonstration booth. This is a great opportunity to display and demonstrate our craft to the public and to meet potential new club members. A signup sheet was passed, and several members agreed to participate. There were 4 members who brought their turning competition entries for Rick to deliver to the fairgrounds on Friday.
 - c. **FWS 2024 report** – Florida Woodturning Symposium will be held in Lakeland Feb 16-18, 2024. Club members, not yet registered, were encouraged to do so soon. FWS holds a raffle drawing for 9 great turning related items as part of funding the symposium. Tickets are available for a \$10 donation, and you do not need to be present to win.
 - d. **Turn and Learn** – There will be two Turn and Learn sessions in January.
 - i. Saturday, Jan 6th was held earlier this week at the Land o Lakes Library.
 - ii. Saturday, Jan 27th at Steve Hood's shop, Lakeland.
 - iii. Saturday Feb 3rd at the Land o Lakes Library, sign up online.
6. **New Business** –
 - a. **Need for volunteers** – Jeff is seeking volunteers to assist with possible turning related community involvement projects like Wig Stands, Beads of Courage boxes, Empty Bowl Project and Christmas Ornaments to name a few. We need interested individuals to step up and help us get involved with one of more of these projects.

7. **Safety Officer**- Rich gave a brief talk stating that we should plan to have an emergency in the shop. By plan he means **be prepared!** Have a first aid kit handy in your shop and keep it well stocked. Do not put yourself in the situation where you need to go looking for items in a crisis. He gave a listing of the items you should have on hand.
8. **Tool, Tips and Techniques** – Jeff showed and discussed a negative rake box scraper that he made from an extra skew that he had. This can be used deep on the sides and bottom of a turned box. It is also able to make a crisp tight corner where the bottom meets the sides.
9. **Show and Tell** – Art Worth. See the website for pictures of these items.
10. **Buy & Sell** – Art Worth had a few turning tools that he brought to offer for sale.
11. **Demonstration** - The demonstrator was Ted Smith from Polk County Woodturners. He discussed and demonstrated turning spheres with different techniques. He showed 2 shop-built sphere jigs and discussed their limitations (torn grain). There was a detailed presentation on turning between centers and finishing between homemade cup chucks which he made as part of his demo.
12. **Next month's meeting** – Wednesday February 7th. The demonstrator will be Mark Nienstadt turning a lidded box.

Tri-County Woodturners Monthly Financial Report

DECEMBER 2023

SUN TRUST ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance:	\$	2,711.55
Checking:	\$	1,923.34
PayPal:	\$	1,010.07
Cash DVD Account:	\$	0.00
Cash Raffle	\$	35.00

<u>Current Month Income:</u>	\$	350.73	
Credit	\$	0.00	
Cash	\$	0.00	Raffle
Cash	\$	0.00	A/V Box Fund
Cash	\$	0.00	
Cash	\$	184.00	Xmas Party
PayPal	\$	86.73	Membership Dues and Donations 2024
Cash	\$	80.00	Membership Dues and Donations 2024
Cash (DVD Rental)	\$	0.00	DVD Rental

<u>Current Month Expenses:</u>	\$	\$148.96	
a Check #1233	\$	101.59	Drinks and Ice for Xmas Party
b Check #1232	\$	47.37	Meat for Xmas Party
c Check #	\$	0.00	
d	\$	0.00	
e	\$	0.00	
f	\$	0.00	
g Transfer	\$	0.00	Transfer from PayPal to Checking

<u>TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS:</u>	\$	2,968.41	
Checking:	\$	1,923.34	Includes \$90 for A/V Box
PayPal:	\$	1,010.07	
Cash (DVD)	\$	0.00	
Cash (RAFFLE)	\$	35.00	

Net Balance All Accounts: **\$ 2,968.41** Total All Accounts

Tri-County Woodturners
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2024

The executive board of TCWT met at 5 PM at Black Sheep Restaurant in Lutz.

In attendance were

Jeff Langsner, President

Jim Henderson, Vice President

Ron Bodner, Treasurer

Rick Donaldson, Secretary

Jim McLoone

Jeff called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

Jeff presented and discussed a proposed budget for 2024. After some discussion a few modifications were introduced regarding the possible purchase of items needed for hosting remote demonstrations. Of particular importance will be the need for one or two large screen televisions. Our current projector is aging, and a replacement bulb will cost a couple of hundred dollars. The resolution of this projector is also not very good. A good television will definitely be required if we have demonstrations from the presenter's shop.

No action was taken. Jeff is to revise the proposed budget and redistribute it to the executive team.

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM.

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Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2024

1. **Welcome** – Jeff Langsner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Henderson offered the Invocation.
2. **Members and Guests** - There were 36 members and guests in attendance.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Ron Bodnar presented the treasurers report. He reported that we ended the month of January with an ending balance of \$3,172.26. More details can be found on our website.
4. **Minutes of last meeting** - posted on website.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Hybrid Meetings** - Jeff reported that we are working to find other users of the community center that would like internet access in the building. Together we might persuade the county to get internet access set up. The FWS boxes are complete and will be used at FWS this month. It is our hope that we can store and use one of these when FWS is not using them. The club has received a few donations to offset the projected cost for the other items that we will need to purchase. Please consider donating to this fund.
 - b. **State Fair** – Rick reported that all time slots for demonstration at the Fla State Fair were covered. He requested that anyone else interested in helping contact him during the break. Our club had several members that entered items in the woodturning competition, and many had received awards.
 - c. **FWS 2024 report** – Florida Woodturning Symposium will be held in Lakeland Feb 16-18, 2024. All interested people are encouraged to register early. FWS holds a raffle drawing for 9 great turning related items as part of funding the symposium. Tickets are available for a \$10 donation, and you do not need to be present to win.
 - d. **Turn and Learn** – There will be two Turn and Learn sessions in February.
 - i. Saturday, Feb 3rd was at the Land o Lakes Library.
 - ii. Saturday, Feb 24th at Steve Hood's shop, Lakeland.
6. **New Business** –
 - a. **Volunteers needed** – We are seeking a “Charity Projects” coordinator. A couple members expressed interest but have not made a commitment yet.
 - b. **Tampa Woodworking Show in March** – The club will be hosting a booth with members of the Woodturners of Polk County club. The show is March 8th-10th. More information will be sent out by email. Rick Donaldson is coordinating this.

7. **Safety Officer**- Richard Nannis talked about properly securing your work to the lathe. He covered the use of both chucks and face plates.
8. **Tool, Tips and Techniques** – Steve Hood talked about tool handles and his personal preferences, short or long, metal or wood and showed several examples.
9. **Show and Tell** – Jeff Langsner. See the website for pictures of these items.
10. **Buy & Sell** – Glen Powermatic 3520 Lathe for sale. He also offered a table saw and bandsaw, both needing some work for free to a good home. Mark Borosch has a friend selling a 12x18 variable speed lathe (likely Harbor Freight) for \$150.
11. **Demonstration** - The demonstrator was Mark Nienstadt. He demonstrated his technique for turning a lidded box. He also had several of his boxes on display for show & tell.
12. **Next month's meeting** – Wednesday March 6th. Dennis McNeil will be demonstrating "Finishing Your Wood Turnings".

Tri-County Woodturners Monthly Financial Report

JANUARY 2024

SUN TRUST ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance:	\$	2,968.41
Checking:	\$	2,040.46
PayPal:	\$	1,096.80
Cash DVD Account:	\$	0.00
Cash Raffle	\$	35.00

<u>Current Month Income:</u>	\$	641.00	
Credit	\$	0.00	
Cash	\$	81.00	Raffle
Cash	\$	0.00	A/V Box Fund
Cash	\$	0.00	
Cash	\$	0.00	Xmas Party
PayPal	\$	120.00	Membership Dues and Donations 2024
Cash	\$	440.00	Membership Dues and Donations 2024
Cash (DVD Rental)	\$	0.00	DVD Rental

<u>Current Month Expenses:</u>	\$	\$403.88	
a Check #	\$	203.88	GoDaddy Website
b Check #	\$	200.00	Demo Fee
c Check #	\$	0.00	
d	\$	0.00	
e	\$	0.00	
f	\$	0.00	
g Transfer	\$	0.00	Transfer from PayPal to Checking

<u>TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS:</u>	\$	3,172.26	
Checking:	\$	2,040.46	Includes \$90 for A/V Box and \$120.00 Demo Fee
PayPal:	\$	1,096.80	
Cash (DVD)	\$	0.00	
Cash (RAFFLE)	\$	35.00	

Net Balance All Accounts: \$ 3,172.26 Total All Accounts

Tri-County Woodturners

Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2024

1. **Welcome** – Jeff Langsner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Henderson offered the Invocation.
2. **Members and Guests** - There were 42 members and guests in attendance. We had several new members join the club while at the meeting.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Ron Bodnar presented the treasurers report. He reported that we ended the month of February with a total balance of \$3,506.90. More details can be found on our website.
4. **Minutes of last meeting** - posted on website.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Hybrid Meetings & AV equipment** – The club has received 3 large donations from companies that do business with one of our members. These included a 75" large screen TV and \$2,000 for our AV equipment and hybrid meeting fund. The TV was used at this meeting in place of our projector and screen. The picture and clarity were excellent. We will work with the county to have the TV mounted on the wall. We have reached out to one of the Hillsborough County Commissioners seeking their help with getting internet access in the building. Jeff has one of the FWS boxes which we will test with our equipment and then likely build a modified version of our own.
 - b. **FWS 2024 recap** – Florida Woodturning Symposium was held in Lakeland Feb 16-18, 2024. The club had 20 members attending. Total attendance was on par with 2023. All the demonstrators did an excellent job, and the rotations were well received.
 - c. **Turn and Learn** -
 - i. Saturday, March 2nd was held the Land o Lakes Library.
 - ii. Saturday, March 23rd at Steve Hood's shop, Lakeland.
 - iii. Saturday, April 6th at the Land o Lakes Library. The project will be turned candle sticks.
6. **New Business** –
 - a. **Charity Projects update** – Merri agreed to be our charity projects coordinator at the last meeting. She did research and was in contact with 2 different organizations. She discussed and encouraged club members to make lidded containers for Beads of Courage. Those members interested in participating were given a special bead to incorporate into each container. An opportunity to make wood pens, that will be laser

engraved, for a veteran's recovery organization was also discussed. Please contact Merri Schmidt for more information.

- b. **Tampa Woodworking Show in March** – This event has been cancelled. They have cancelled the last three cities that this was scheduled to be held in. Hopefully this will be rescheduled for next year.
7. **Safety Officer-** Richard Nannis showed a jaw sizing gauge that he makes from scrap plywood or hardboard. He also talked about lathe speed and the diameter of your project. Large diameter items must be turned at lower speeds because the important issue is the outside surface speed of your material. He also discussed punk or soft wood and methods to “harden” it up to make a usable piece.
8. **Tool, Tips and Techniques** – Jeff showed a new grinder platform that he purchased at FWS. It has a locking system that sets up at common sharpening angles. The angles are not precise, but the repeatability is very consistent.
9. **Show and Tell** – Art Worth. The Florida State Fair woodturning entries by TCWT members were on display. Many of these won ribbons and prizes. There were also several other items on display. See the website for pictures.
10. **Buy & Sell** – Jeff brought an air compressor and a vacuum pump. These were offered for people making a cash donation to the club. Both went home with new owners.
11. **Demonstration** - The demonstrator was Mark Nienstadt. He demonstrated his technique for turning a lidded box. He also had several of his boxes on display for show & tell.
12. **Next month's meeting** – Wednesday April 3rd. Steve Hood will be discussing and demonstrating finial design and turning.

Tri-County Woodturners Monthly Financial Report

FEBRUARY 2024

SUN TRUST ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance:	\$	3,172.26
Checking:	\$	2,264.46
PayPal:	\$	1,212.44
Cash DVD Account:	\$	0.00
Cash Raffle	\$	30.00

<u>Current Month Income:</u>	\$	345.64	
Credit	\$	0.00	
Cash	\$	89.00	Raffle
Cash	\$	0.00	A/V Box Fund
Cash	\$	0.00	
Cash	\$	16.00	Xmas Party
PayPal	\$	115.64	Membership Dues and Donations 2024
Cash	\$	214.00	Membership Dues and Donations 2024
Cash (DVD Rental)	\$	0.00	DVD Rental

<u>Current Month Expenses:</u>	\$	\$100.00	
a Check #	\$	0.00	GoDaddy Website
b Check #1236	\$	100.00	Gift Cards
c Check #	\$	0.00	
d	\$	0.00	
e	\$	0.00	
f	\$	0.00	
g Transfer	\$	0.00	Transfer from PayPal to Checking

<u>TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS:</u>	\$	3,506.90	
Checking:	\$	2,264.46	Includes \$90 for A/V Box and \$184.00 Donations
PayPal:	\$	1,212.44	
Cash (DVD)	\$	0.00	
Cash (RAFFLE)	\$	30.00	

Net Balance All Accounts: **\$ 3,506.90** **Total All Accounts**

Tri-County Woodturners

Minutes for the March 11, 2024 Executive Board Meeting

The executive board of TCWT met at 6 PM by Zoom.

In attendance were

Jeff Langsner, President

Jim Henderson, Vice President

Ron Bodner, Treasurer

Rick Donaldson, Secretary

Jim McLoone

Also attending

Tom Eurell

Philip Passantino

Invited, not in attendance.

Dan Penn

Jeff called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

For discussion was the 75" large screen tv that was donated to the club and other upgrades necessary to improve our AV system and allow us to eventually host hybrid meetings and have remote demonstrations. Cliff pointed out that there is a better TV currently available at Best Buy that is both larger 85" and of a higher quality than the one that was donated. The additional expense would be about \$100 additional cost to the club. A 5-year extended warranty is \$200. It was motioned, seconded, and approved for Cliff to coordinate the return and repurchase of the larger TV with the extended warranty. Jeff is to source and purchase a locking TV mount suitable our use. The cost is estimated to be \$150.

Rick agreed to coordinate with the county for the installation of the TV in the Lutz Community Center where the club meets. Rick will transport the TV to the Community Center.

In order to fully hook up the TV to the FWS video control box, Jeff reported that that he needed to purchase HDMI extenders, HDMI cables and a remote-controlled camera with zoom for overhead use at the lathe. These are estimated to cost about \$500. This was motioned, seconded, and approved.

Items still to be resolved.

1. Internet access at the Community Center. Cost not yet known.
2. The purchase and assembly of a video control box like what FWS uses. The likely cost is \$300 - \$500.

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Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2024

13. **Welcome** – Jeff Langsner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief moment of silence on behalf of people we may know who are having health issues.
14. **Members and Guests** - There were 38 members and guests in attendance.
15. **Treasurer's Report** - Ron Bodnar presented the treasurers report. He reported that we ended the month of February with a total balance of \$5,612.54. More details can be found on our website.
16. **Minutes of last meeting** - posted on website.
17. **Old Business**
 - a. **Hybrid Meetings & AV equipment** – The club had the opportunity to upgrade the 75" flat screen to a higher quality 85" TV. A wall mount was purchased, and the county has installed the TV on the meeting room wall. A 5-year extended warranty was also purchased. The new TV was used at this meeting along with a new overhead camera for the lathe that can be zoomed in and out by remote. The picture and clarity were excellent. The overhead camera worked exceptionally well, showing great clarity for the final demonstration. It also allowed the demonstrator to easily display printed material on the large screen. We are still in the process of trying to get internet access in the building. Jeff is in the process of assembling and testing a switching box that will connect all our cameras, a computer and the TV as well as allow us to record our demonstrations.
 - b. **Turn and Learn** -
 - i. Saturday, April 6th at the Land O'Lakes Library. The project will be turned candle sticks.
 - ii. Saturday April 27th at Steve Hood's shop. This will be the last event at Steve's shop until after the hot summer months.
 - c. **Charity Projects update** – Merri reported on our charity projects. This month she received about 6 pens for veterans and 2 beads of courage boxes. She has pen kits and wood blanks for people wishing to make pens.
 - d. **Thank you to our volunteers** – Jeff expressed thanks to our volunteers Valerie and Anita for taking the lead on having coffee and snacks at our meetings. Remember to drop a donation in the tray to help offset this expense.

18. New Business –

- a. **Call for volunteers for AV support.** – Dan Penn has tirelessly been out AV coordinator for the last several years and needs a much-deserved break. We need a person to head up this team along with 1-2 more support personal. The new equipment will make the setup, operation, and teardown much easier than it has been in the past. Please consider helping with this vital part of our meetings. As a bonus you get a great seat for each demonstration.

19. Safety Officer- Richard Nannis discussed drill press safety. He stressed the importance of securing your material and not trying to hold it with one hand while operating the press with the other. Also mentioned was securing loose clothing, long hair and wearing proper safety glasses or a face shield. Never leave the key in the chuck as it will fly off and hurt you if the press is started.

20. Tool, Tips and Techniques – Jim McLoone talked about Yourkshire Grit and how well it can “polish” your project. This product will take your turning from a 240 grit finish to more like 600-800 shine.

21. Show and Tell – Art Worth lead show and tell with pieces by several club members. Included were the 2 beads of courage containers and the pens for veterans. See the website for pictures.

22. Buy & Sell – One member showed a wall mount tool rack/holder that he was offering for sale.

23. Demonstration - The demonstrator was Steve Hood. The topic was finials. He opened it with several drawings and photos of good and great finials and the fine details that make the difference. Included was instruction on the Golden Mean and proportions. He then proceeded to turn a finial and ebonize it with trans tint dye.

24. Next month’s meeting – Wednesday May 1st will be Rudy Lopez. Our June demonstrator will be Ron Browning.

Tri-County Woodturners Monthly Financial Report

MARCH 2024

SUN TRUST ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance:	\$	3,506.90
Checking:	\$	4,254.46
PayPal:	\$	1,328.08
Cash DVD Account:	\$	0.00
Cash Raffle	\$	30.00

<u>Current Month Income:</u>	\$	2,430.64	
Credit	\$	0.00	
Cash	\$	75.00	Raffle
Cash	\$	1,000.00	Telecom Advocated, Inc.
Cash	\$	1,000.00	Davis & Hanley Network Solutions
Cash	\$	0.00	
PayPal	\$	115.64	Membership Dues and Donations 2024
Cash	\$	165.00	Membership Dues and Donations 2024
Cash (DVD Rental)	\$	0.00	DVD Rental

<u>Current Month Expenses:</u>	\$	\$250.00	
a Check #	\$	0.00	GoDaddy Website
b Check #1236	\$	250.00	Demo
c Check #	\$	0.00	
d	\$	0.00	
e	\$	0.00	
f	\$	0.00	
g Transfer	\$	0.00	Transfer from PayPal to Checking

<u>TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS:</u>	\$	5,612.54	
Checking:	\$	4,252.46	Includes \$90 for A/V Box and \$224.00 Donations
PayPal:	\$	1,328.08	
Cash (DVD)	\$	0.00	
Cash (RAFFLE)	\$	30.00	

Net Balance All Accounts: **\$ 5,612.54** **Total All Accounts**