

Tri-County Woodturners

Minutes for the January 4, 2023 Meeting

The in-person meeting was held at the Lutz Community Center on 11/4/23. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Jeff Langsner Jim Henderson who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Henderson gave the invocation.

Attendance

There were 32 members and guests in attendance. New members and guests introduced themselves.

Update on Land o Lake's library

Victoria Hanley from Pasco County Library System gave an update on the reopening of the Land o Lake's branch. Their foundry is open and classes will resume later this month. These are available to children and adults with library cards from Pasco and surrounding counties.

Treasurer's Report

Jim McLoone presented the treasurer's report for the prior month. The total of all club accounts as of December 31st was \$2,655.61. More details can be found attached to the end of these minutes. The treasurer elect, Ron Bodner, will begin his duties this month. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted that club checking account be changed to include the following two new officers as signatures.

Jeff Langsner, President and Ron Bodnar, Treasurer

Safety Talk

Jeff Langsner gave a talk on safe table saw use. His power point presentation covered safety tips and safe practices. Details of his presentation are posted on the club website.

Buy & Sell

Steve Parker has a friend with a nearly brand-new Powermatic 2014 for sale.

John Malinowski has 1" lumber in wide widths available for sale. Oak, Cherry and Walnut, all 8',

Old Business

Bandsaw Blades

Rick Donaldson reported that the bandsaw blade purchase has been completed and all ordered blades have been distributed to the club members.

Florida State Fair

Rick Donaldson and Steve Hood discussed this upcoming event.

There are volunteer opportunities for TCWT club members and nearby turning clubs to fill demonstration time slots at this 12 day event. This is a great opportunity for us to promote woodturning and let others know about the local woodturning clubs. Demonstrators receive free passes to the fair grounds. Contact Rick or Steve to find out more or to book your time slot. Woodturning Competition entries are to be delivered to the fairgrounds on either of the following days.

Friday Jan 13, 2023 9:30 – 6:00

Saturday Jan 14, 2023 9:30 – 4:00

John Malinowski will be there on Friday and Rick Donaldson will be there on Saturday.

Update on FWTS 2023

Art Worth gave an update on the upcoming Florida Wood Turning Symposium. It is being held at the R.P. Funding Center in Lakeland on February 3rd – 5th. About 15 club members in attendance said that they intend to attend the symposium and most have already registered. There are about 200 persons that have preregistered. The committee is hoping for at least another 100 signups. Raffle tickets for many good prizes are available from FWTS board members. More information can be found at floridawoodturningsymposium.com

Volunteers

Volunteers are still needed for: AV assistants, Coffee and DVD Library.

New Business

The club will be having a Learn & Turn session on Saturday January 7th at Steve Hood's shop in Lakeland. All members are encouraged to attend, teach, share and learn. Cost including lunch is \$15.

Show & Tell

There was a great turnout of items on display. Four members and one guest brought items for show and tell. Steve Parker had five platters with carved or embellished rims. Steve Hood displayed two urns, a platter, a bowl and a vase. Jeff Langsner had a natural edge bowl and two carved and colored vases. Richard Nannis had a hollow form and two Rude Osolniki style candle stick holders. Mark Neinstadt had a goblet made from two types of wood. Thank you to everyone who brought something. Please bring your items to show. This is how we learn and get new inspiration to improve our time in the shop. Pictures of each of these are on our website www.TriCountyWoodTurners.com

Demonstration

Russ Fellows from the Sarasota Club was the demonstrator. He gave an excellent demonstration on designing and making a turned wood double torus. He discussed measuring, turning, cutting, and reattaching the pieces into the completed form.

Closing

The meeting was closed after the demonstration at about 9:00 PM.

Upcoming Meetings.

February 1st. Steve Parker will be demonstrating multiple ways to embellish woodturning.

Tri-County Woodturners Monthly Financial Report

DECEMBER 2022

SUN TRUST ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance: \$ 2,645.81
Checking: \$ 2,068.32
PayPal: \$ 549.49
Cash DVD Account: \$ 28.00

Current Month Income: \$ 1,143.05

Credit	\$ 28.06	Member Dues and Donations
Cash	\$ 235.00	Member Dues and Donations
Cash	\$ 0.00	Raffle
Cash	\$ 195.00	Holiday Party
Cash	\$ 540.44	Bandsaw Blades (12/8 @ \$512.36 & 1/3 @ 28.08
PayPal	\$ 144.55	Member Dues and Donations (PayPal)
Cash (DVD Rental)	\$ 0.00	DVD Rental

Current Month Expenses: \$ 1,133.25

a Check # 1213	\$ 98.30	Jim Henderson for Holiday Party
b Check # 1214	\$ 67.92	Dan Penn for Holiday Party
c Check # 1215	\$ 967.03	Rick Donaldson
d	\$ 0.00	
e	\$ 0.00	
f	\$ 0.00	
g Via PayPal	\$ 0.00	Transfer to checking

TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS: \$ 2,655.61
Checking: \$ 1,933.57
PayPal: \$ 694.04
Cash (DVD) \$ 28.00

Net Balance All Accounts: \$ 2,655.61 **Total checking**

Tri-County Woodturners

Minutes for the February 1, 2023 Meeting

The in-person meeting was held at the Lutz Community Center on 2/1/23. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Jeff Langsner who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Henderson gave the invocation.

Attendance

There were 35 members and guests in attendance. New members and guests introduced themselves.

Treasurer's Report

Jim McLoone presented the treasurer's report for the prior month. The total of all club accounts as of January 31st was \$3,437.32. Jim has been working with the treasurer elect, Ron Bodner, as he began his duties at the end of last month.

Safety Talk

Jeff Langsner gave a talk on toxic wood dust as it pertains to woodworking. His power point presentation covered safety tips and safe practices. Details of his presentation are posted on the club website.

Buy & Sell

Bob Ceely has a lathe, chuck, turning tools and a grinder available for sale.

Art Worth has a student looking to buy a 16" capacity lathe.

Jeff Langsner is looking for a slow speed grinder.

John Malinowski has 1" lumber in wide widths available for sale. Oak, Cherry and Walnut, all 8',

Old Business

Florida State Fair

Rick Donaldson and Steve Hood discussed this upcoming event. Rick passed around a signup sheet for people to volunteer as demonstrators at the fair. He already has persons from the 3 other local clubs (Florida West Coast, Sarasota, and Polk)) signed up as demonstrators.

This is a great opportunity for us to promote woodturning, let others know about the local woodturning clubs and meet turners from other clubs. Demonstrators receive free passes to the fair grounds. Contact Rick or Steve to find out more or to book your time slot.

Update on FWS 2023

An update was given on the upcoming Florida Woodturning Symposium. It is being held at the R.P. Funding Center in Lakeland on February 3rd – 5th. Many members of the club indicated that they will be attending. Raffle tickets for many good prizes are available from FWTS board members. More information can be found at floridawoodturningsymposium.com

Volunteers

Volunteers are still needed for: AV assistants, Coffee and DVD Library.

New Business

There was no new business discussed.

Show & Tell

Bruce Woody had several very nice pens to show Steve Hood brought a basket weave illusion bowl. Jeff Langsner had two items showcasing dry brushing and woodburning. Thank you to everyone who brought something. Remember, please bring your items to show. This is how we learn and get new inspiration to improve our time in the shop. Pictures of each of these are on our website www.TriCountyWoodTurners.com

Demonstration

Steve Parker discussed multiple ways of embellishing your wood turnings. He showed sample pieces and a great many of the possible tools that can be used. His thorough discussion included beading woodburning, coloring, carving by hand or a router, indexing, and inlaying.

Closing

The meeting was closed after the demonstration at about 9:00 PM.

Upcoming Meetings.

March 1st. Ron Browning will be our demonstrator. He will be demonstrating what he calls "Hemispheric Turning." Ron is an accomplished woodturner and demonstrator. This should be quite good!

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JANUARY 2023

SUN TRUST ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance: \$ 2,655.61
Checking: \$ 1,933.57
PayPal: \$ 694.04
Cash DVD Account: \$ 28.00

Current Month Income: \$ 956.71 **Split over 2 deposits 1/5/23 and 1/24/23**
 Credit \$ 0.00 Member Dues and Donations
 Cash \$ 500.00 Member Dues and Donations
 Cash \$ 45.00 Raffle
 Cash \$ 179.10 Bandsaw Blades
 Cash \$ 7.00 Holiday Party
 PayPal \$ 225.61 Member Dues and Donations (Dues \$115.65 &
 Bandsaw \$109.97)
 Cash (DVD Rental) \$ 0.00 DVD Rental

Current Month Expenses: \$ 175.00
 a Check # 1216 \$ 175.00 Russ Fellows
 b \$ 0.00
 c \$ 0.00
 d \$ 0.00
 e \$ 0.00
 f \$ 0.00
 g Via PayPal \$ 0.00

TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS: \$ 3,437.32
 Checking: \$ 2,489.67
 PayPal: \$ 919.65
 Cash (DVD) \$ 28.00

Net Balance All Accounts: \$ 3,437.32 Total checking

Tri-County Woodturners

Minutes for the March 1, 2023 Meeting

The in-person meeting was held at the Lutz Community Center on 2/1/23. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by President Jeff Langsner who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Henderson gave the invocation.

Attendance

There were 35 members and guests in attendance. New members and guests introduced themselves. It was suggested that experienced club members introduce themselves to guests and new members creating opportunities to get together for some workshop time.

Moment of Silence

Jeff Langsner announced that national turner John Jordan had recently passed away. A moment of silence was observed in his honor.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Bodnar presented the treasurer's report for the prior month. The total of all club accounts as of January 31st was \$3,331.81.

Tips, Tools and Techniques

In place of a safety talk, Jeff offered this alternative. Jeff showed and discussed the usefulness of a rechargeable compact blower. Jeff is looking at alternating Safety Talk and Tips, Tools and Techniques on a monthly basis.

Buy & Sell

Art Worth has a student looking to buy a 16" capacity lathe.

Jeff Langsner is looking for a slow speed grinder.

John Malinowski has 1" lumber in wide widths available for sale. Oak, Cherry and Walnut, all 8',

Old Business

Florida State Fair

Rick Donaldson gave a brief recap of the events at the FSF. 17 people from 4 local clubs staffed 24 turning demonstrations over the 12 days of the fair. Every slot was filled. Feedback from the state fair staff was very positive and appreciative. There were no conflicts with demonstrators offering and selling items at the turning booth. Many thanks to all who participated. Information on the local clubs was passed on to many members of the public.

Update on FWS 2023

Art Worth and Ron Browning gave a brief recap of the FWS. They finished with over 250 paid attendees, which exceeds prior symposiums held at Lake Yale location. While there was some initial difficulty with lighting in the demonstration rooms, they did fine appropriate work arounds.

Volunteers

Volunteers are still needed for: Safety Officer, AV assistants, Coffee and DVD Library.

New Business

Presidents Meeting at FWS

Jeff attended along with about 10 other club presidents. Topics discussed included introduction of the new AAW Executive Director, Jennifer Newburg. AAW's declining and aging membership and steps to attract new and younger members to both the local clubs and AAW. AAW is offering to help clubs with information regarding online (zoom) and hybrid (in person and zoom simultaneous) meetings. Jeff announced to the club that he would be investigating this on behalf of TCWT. There are several logistical issues that we would need to work out.

Show & Tell

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Demonstration

Ron Browning gave a demonstration on hemispheric turning. He showed the headstock holding devices he uses and stressed that the bottom of your piece must have a true spherical form to fit in the holding device properly. He demonstrated how to use a flashlight and PVC ring to check the shape. Ron also gave a good discussion on cutting cross grain with a bowl gouge and minimizing tear out while utilizing good tool techniques.

Closing

The meeting was closed after the demonstration at about 9:00 PM.

Upcoming Meetings.

The next meeting is Wednesday April 5th, 2023. The demonstrator will be Steve Johns demonstrating his method of turning salt/pepper mills.

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FEBRUARY 2023

SUN TRUST ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance: \$ 3,437.32
Checking: \$ 2,489.67
PayPal: \$ 919.65
Cash DVD Account: \$ 28.00

Current Month Income: \$ 324.75 **Split over 2 deposits 1/5/23 and 1/24/23**
Credit \$ 177.43 Member Dues and Donations & Bandsaw Blades
Cash \$ 60.00 Member Dues and Donations
Cash \$ 40.00 Raffle
Cash \$ 47.32 Bandsaw Blades
Cash \$ 0.00
PayPal \$ 0.00
Cash (DVD Rental) \$ 0.00 DVD Rental

Current Month Expenses: \$ 430.26
a Check # 1217 \$ 95.48 Art Worth - FWS & Service Plaque
b Check # 1218 \$ 264.78 Carl Brown – Microphone System and GoDaddy
c Check # 1219 \$ 70.00 Ronald Bodnar – SunBiz Filing
d \$ 0.00
e \$ 0.00
f \$ 0.00
g Transfer \$ 600.00 Transfer from PayPal to Checking

TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS: \$ 3,331.81
Checking: \$ 2,984.16
PayPal: \$ 319.65
Cash (DVD) \$ 28.00

Net Balance All Accounts: \$ 3,331.81 Total checking

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Minutes for the March 1, 2023 Executive Board Meeting

The executive board of TCWT meet at 5 PM at Beef O'Bradys in Lutz.

In attendance were

Jeff Langsner, President

Jim Henderson, Vice President

Ron Bodner, Treasurer

Rick Donaldson, Secretary

Jim McLoone

Carl Brown

Jeff called the meeting to order at 5 PM.

Jeff discussed the difficulty with using Mail Chimp for our club emails. He introduced GroupWorks as an alternative. It was discussed, moved and approved that we start to use GroupWorks for our club communications. Jeff, Jim M. and Ron will investigate using it as a replacement for PayPal.

The possibility of simulcasting a zoom club meeting as a regular part of our club meetings was discussed. Jeff believes that we have the cameras, computers and most other hardware necessary to do this. Hurdles to overcome include sufficient Wi-Fi bandwidth and more trained club personnel to handle cameras, remote questions and other equipment. Jeff is to investigate further.

Aging of membership and decreasing membership. This is an issue in AAW and most clubs. It was discussed at the FWS club presidents meeting. We discussed more and more convenient saw dust sessions, increased use of the 4 midi lathes owned by the club, and possible working with Tampa Maker Space. Jim M will continue looking into Tampa Maker Space. It was pointed out that we used to have a greeter at the door before club meetings to welcome and introduce newcomers. The person who did this has not resumed attending live meetings. Possible issues with liability insurance using Tamps Maker Space or inviting people into our home shops was discussed. More information regarding coverage by AAW or our club's insurance coverage is needed.

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM.