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NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2009

MEETING MINUTES May 9th, 2009 Submitted by Secretary Bob Sorensen

Business Meeting - called to order at 12:50 p.m. by President Jack Yancick.

- A motion was made and passed to accept the Secretary's minutes from the previous business meeting that were sent to the membership after that meeting as the official record of that meeting.
- Treasurers report by Jim Thompson ;

Year to date income	\$1241.00
Year to date expenses	\$1409.00
Existing bank balance	\$6,000.00 plus
- A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.
- A new, abbreviated, new member's handbook is ready for distribution to new members and will be available at next month's meeting. Copies are being e-mailed to the 3 new members as well as all new 2009 members.
- WELCOME to our 3 new members:
CHRIS SCHAEFER
PHYLLIS SICKLES
IRMA BREWER
- County Fair. Jack Yancick thanked all who volunteered their time and displayed carvings. **Gary Slocum** did a great job lining up volunteers, **Doris & Chuck Trinko** helped set up the carvings for the "people's choice

competition" as well as soliciting and counting votes. Jack Yancick received a letter from the fair chairperson thanking our club for a nice display and great participation.

Winners of the People's Choice Awards

Dave Myers and **Chuck Trinko** both received Blue Ribbons

Bill Milligan & **Jack Erickson** both received Red Ribbons.

Gary Slocum & **Larry Finch** each received a White Ribbon.

CONGRATULATIONS !! and thanks to all who participated.

- On a sad note, one of our members **Dan Masterson** from Green Valley passed away. His relatives donated most of Dan's carving tools and supplies to SWA. We placed many items on this months raffle table and will have more for a few more months.
- Canes for Disabled Veterans. **Jack Yancick, Jim Thompson, Trish Jennings** and **Bob Sorensen** went to the V.A. Hospital for a presentation of 7 carved canes. This was well received and appreciated. Lets all see if we can carve some more, I am sure they will be appreciated by a wounded Disabled Vet. *(continued on page 2)*

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Board meetings are held four times a year in February, May, August and November. The Board members will determine the exact days each month and they will be posted in the Newsletter. Any member can attend a Board meeting although they cannot vote.

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MEETING MINUTES...

New Business

- Foothills show will be Nov. 7th & 8th, Sat & Sun.
- Pumpkin Carving at the Foothills Mall, one week before Halloween. The week of Oct. 26th.
- Nominations will be accepted for SWA Offices in Sept. There will be several vacancies that must be filled. President, Treasurer, Editor.
- Word of the month. PROPITIOUS, which means Favorable.
- Monthly carving class, **Jim Thompson** shared his skills on how to carve "DOGS" comments were all propitious. Thanks Jim.
- The show committee of the Grand Canyon Woodcarving Show presented a \$20.00 gift certificate to SWA for the best show table for carving clubs. It was decided to draw a name for a recipient and it was won by **Chuck Trinko**. (cont. on page 3)

Found Wood

Aged,
Worn by waves,
Torn by wind,
Scarred by fire,
Soaked in damp,
Twisted round,
Bent and swollen,
Burl, elbow, root, knot,
This wood calls carver to new art.

Pattern free,
Creation enhanced,
Nature expressing,
Complex, simple,
Silent statement,
Needing only interpretation,
A cut right here,
And just there,
No more,
Wood found: what do you see?

- By Al Jensen

POET'S
CORNER

MEETING MINUTES...

- SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - Jim Thompson has given written notice to SWA that he will be relinquishing most of his SWA volunteer jobs. Following is the list with a time table.

Effective July 1st, the following jobs will require a new volunteer person or persons.

- Contact Person for SWA - **Chuck Trinko** has accepted this.
- Chairperson for Christmas Party - **Barb & Bob Sorensen** have accepted this.
- Health & Welfare - **Doris Trinko** has accepted this.
- Buying Raffle Supplies
- Ordering Name Badges, Service Pins, Vests etc. Picking them up, storing & dispersing them

Effective Dec. 31st the following jobs will require a new volunteer person or persons.

- Treasurer, an elected officer job, nominations begin in Sept.
- Newsletter Editor
- Make up and have available for each meeting - Show & Tell Form, 50/50 sign up sheets, Guest List Etc.
- Check Mail at Post Office.
- Keep Track Of Mailing List
- Bringing all supplies and equipment for cleanup to meetings and store them
- Storing 3 boxes of Historical Materials
- Making sure that the room is cleaned up after each meeting

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE OF THESE JOBS.

Some are more demanding than others, but all are essential to the continuation of SWA. Someone has to do it and it might as well be you.

- 50/50 winner Dan Williams

- Show & Tell:

Person	Subject	Wood & Finish
Jim Thompson	Canes for the DAV	Various
Dave Myers	Kokopelis	Bark, matte finish
Rob Arnberger	Ranger	Bass & Acrylics
Rob Arnberger	Pool Honey	Bass & Acrylics
Rob Arnberger	Merganser	Bass & Acrylics
Chris Schaefer	Group of Carvings	Various
Dan Williams	Baseball Players	Bass & Acrylics
Chuck Trinko	Parade Stick	Bass & Acrylics

All of these great carvings shared propitious comments from our members.

- Raffle:

Item	Won By
Carving tool set large	Dick Brown
Carving tool set small	Sherie Goade
Set of work Horses *	Dave Eerkes
Two wood plaques	Michalyn Erickson
Three sanding belts	Betty Ferrari
Shelving *	Dave Eerkes
Ten bottles of Liquor *	Lefty Snyder, Jim Thompson, Sue Kleismit, Carl Zehner, Chuck Trinko [3 times] Dan Williams, Jim Katchur [2 times]

- Silent Auction:

Item

Tool Sharpener *

3 golf clubs *

Paint *

Assorted Wood *

Winner

Gary Slocum

Jim Thompson

Jim Katchur

Green Valley Carving Club

- Note that all items marked with a * were donated by the family of **Dan Masterson**.

Canes For Wounded War Vets



EDITOR'S NOTES

Health & Welfare

It was good to see **Dick & Audrey Brown** at our last meeting. **Christel Busby** was seen, but had to leave to visit the doctor. Christel is much better. **Gary Mims** was ill and also in the middle of moving to another house, so he was busy and sick. **Merle Newsted** has been ill, and is slowly improving. Merle is a SWA member and also a Western Whittler.

Canes For Wounded War Vets

There are pictures in this month's newsletter of the presentation of some canes to the Poly/Trauma Center at the VA Hospital by some of the officers of SWA. One of the splinter groups that meet at Woodworker Source have made about twenty canes (20) for the wounded and more are being planned. **Elmer Child**, who is in his nineties has made nine and **Al Jensen** who is getting close to ninety has produced a lot. They are an inspiration to us younger members. I would like to thank **Tricia Jennings** for getting us motivated in this worthwhile project.

Thanks are due to **Rob Arnberger** for making up a membership master list for us. It can be downloaded. If you need help, contact Rob.

Thanks also to the people that are going to take over some of the jobs I have been doing. I will help all I can. Doing the newsletter takes quite a bit of time because I am such a slow typist.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	Jan 1, 2009
	\$5,557.53
Ending Balance	April 30, 2009
	\$6,111.71
Deposits in Bank	\$2,391.50

Some of the Expenses:

newsletters--\$105.00

Raffles supplies--\$253.15

Supplies, stamps, copies, Health & welfare cards, etc,

Part payment to Voyager restaurant for lunch and coffee.

Tables for Desert Woodcarving show.

Money for free lunch drawing and free lunch for program instructor.

And Insurance.

(I bought my own lunch in May)

Respectively submitted

- Jim Thompson, Treasurer

Remember if you have anything you want to add to the newsletter, let the editor know. Any hints that you have found that help you, and you do not mind sharing with the other members.

I have found that carving those real tiny dogs it helps to have some super glue. There are super glue that dry in 2 or 3 seconds, and some that dry in about 20 seconds. I have whacked the head off several of those little guys and just glued it back on. After it's painted you can't see the mistake.

Spring Picnic

