

Board meeting minutes 2009

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Evergreen Woodworker's Guild Board of Directors

Date: September 1, 2009

Board members in attendance: Michael Dresdner, Bill Cogswell, Carol Zandell, George Knutson, Gordon Patnude.

Guest: Jerry Wheeler

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM

Discussion: Change in status to 501 C 3.

We are now officially a 501 C 3 non-profit organization. Members are reminded that as of this change, if they donate money, time or goods above and beyond their dues or raffle ticket purchases, they can deduct appropriate amounts from their federal taxes.

Discussion: Service awards

Our guest pointed out that previous officers had voted to award nominal monetary rewards to outgoing chairs and officers, but that action was never taken on this. The board was asked to enforce these actions, but declined, pointing out that the officers have the power to both vote and enforce such usage of guild funds, provided the membership does not object, or to ignore their own decisions. None of that is the bailiwick of the board. However, the board will step in at any point if it feels any officers are acting inappropriately, or overstepping their authority. This is not the case in this instance.

The board also pointed out that each incoming president and group of officers has the right to either adopt or ignore any rulings that previous officers made regarding their own actions. Again, as long as actions do not impinge on our bylaws and general guild guidelines, the board will leave the officers to both their jobs and their authority without impinging on either unnecessarily.

Discussion: President's report

A motion was made suggesting the president submit a yearly report detailing the history and accomplishments of the guild both to add to our archives and offer the president feedback on the past year's accomplishments. It was suggested that this was overkill, and that the major advantages to be gleaned by such a report are already being accomplished by mechanisms currently in place. The motion was voted down and will not be adopted.

Discussion: Charity

The suggestion was made that perhaps we could devote more effort into charitable acts for the community. The following comments were made:

- At present, most charitable work is organized and done by individuals rather than the guild as a whole
- Being more organized might result in involvement by more members, which would in turn spark more bonding with one another and may result in more involvement in other guild activities as well.
- Doing more might further justify our newly won C 3 status.
- Two or three larger, group oriented projects might do more overall than the scattershot of individual causes being addressed presently.
- Both ongoing projects and ad hoc projects could be initiated.
- From past experience, projects involving multiple shops doing assembly and successive steps on a project are well received.

Action:

A motion was made and passed that we create a Charity Chair to oversee charitable efforts. The president is hereby directed to create and fill such a chair at the soonest possible time. Duties would include:

- Survey what has been done in the past
- Coordinate what is currently being done
- Identify community needs that fit our ability to help
- Make recommendations of projects based on polling or feedback from guild members
- Publicize what charity we do
- Maintain a history of our charitable projects

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.