

DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 3 via Zoom

Meeting Chairperson: George Rodgers

I. **Call to order** – 7:26 pm

II. **Members present / Introductions_**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Gordon Brand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Jim Harvey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Bill Hoffman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Michael Kalscheur
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Bruce Kinney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Vaibhav Konanur	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Jeff Kramer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Tom Kubica
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Bruce Metzdorf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Lee Nye	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Olson	<input type="checkbox"/> Don Pelligrini
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Howard Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X George Rodgers	<input type="checkbox"/> Carl Shaffer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Dave Wesolowicz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X John Wiedemann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Mark Wieting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Steve Young	

III. **Agenda additions** - No changes to the agenda were made.

IV. **Approval of the minutes from the previous DPWW board meeting** - The prior meeting minutes were approved.

V. **Treasurer's report – Dave Wesolowicz** – As of August 31, the club has \$9,610 in our accounts. This is after a payment to West Bend Insurance in the amount of \$1,281 for our annual D&O – General Liability Policy. The policy increased in price by about 5% over 2024.

VI. **Communications**

- A. Secretary's communication – No report.
- B. President's communication – No report.

VII. **Committee Reports**

- **Membership** – Mike Kalscheur – We currently have 201 members. Four (4) new members joined in August. Mike confirmed that Steve Young would now be responsible for maintaining the club's calendar. Mike is also looking at ways of saving on postage via the annual membership process. One idea is to send initial information out via email and have members pick up their membership cards at the general meeting.
- **Library** – Tom Kubica – We continue to receive donated books. Some of these will be made available for members to take for their own collections and others will be added to the library. Tom is planning a monthly article for the newsletter to make sure members are aware of the information contained in the library.
- **Publicity** – Mark Wieting – Mark is trying to get NBC to cover the September 27, toy workshop.
- **Prizes** – Bruce Kinney – There will be no drawing / prizes for the November and December meetings due to toy distribution activities in November and the holiday party in December.

- **Toy Workshop** – George Rodgers – The final toy workshop of 2025 will be on September 27, at Woodcraft in Downers Grove. There may be a need to help package the doll beds and accessories.
- **Newsletter** – John Wiedemann - Articles are needed as soon as possible for the September newsletter. Due to John's travel, the newsletter may be a bit late in going out. An article highlighting Gail Trainer's club and their efforts in supporting the toy doll beds will be written.
- **From Our Workshop** – Lee Nye – Lee will not be at the October general meeting, so prizes for the FOW section will be given to George Rodgers at the September meeting. George will cover the FOW section for Lee.
- **Activities** – Vaibhav Konanur – September's activity is the toy workshop at Woodcraft of Downers Grove on the 27th. Additionally, Michael Frost will be conducting two (2) dovetail workshops. Each session only allows two people. Members need to sign up if interested. George Rodgers will be doing an activity in October and the November activity will be the progressive workshop visits.
- **Programs** – Bruce Metzdorf – Mike Trezek will be presenting a woodcarving program in September. Mike has an Instagram page at <https://www.instagram.com/artinwood/>. A representative from 3M Xtract will present in October.
- **Audio Visual** – Howard Peterson – Howard will not be able to attend the entire meeting in September so backup support is needed. Most of the past issues with the audio visual has now been resolved. Suggestions were made to assist presenters in the placement of their projects during the FOW section during the general meetings.
- **Web** – Bill Hoffman – It was agreed that dated information on the home page will be deleted after 3 months.
- **Tools** – Gordon Brand – Gordon was able to sell some equipment donated by Jerry Johnson for the benefit of the club. Thus far, he has sold \$300 that will be given to the treasurer for deposit.
- **Clothing** – Carl Shaffer – No report.

VIII. Old business

- a. DPWW member scholarship- Jeff Kramer – Updated information was presented by Jeff regarding the proposed scholarship program. To be eligible, a member must be in at least their 2nd year with the club. Approval was given to move forward with the program. The DPWW board will evaluate the scholarship program annually.
- b. Proposed website and motto changes update- Mark Wieting – Mark had suggested changes to the wording for the "About" section that may be more engaging to the reader. It was agreed that Mark's suggested changes would be made. No changes will be made to the club motto at this time,

- c. Service/Lifetime Award committee proposal- Jeff Kramer – A copy of the nomination form will be sent out. It was agreed that nominations could be made at anytime and awards would be made in an appropriate time period.
- d. Holiday party – George Rodgers – For 2025, we are planning to order pizza from Lou Malnati's and purchase salads/sides from Costco. We will work with the church to see what dates in December are available.

IX. New Business

- a. Donation to Maple St. Chapel? – Mark Wieting – A motion was made, and approved to donate \$150 to the Maple Street Chapel Preservation Society for the tour and hosting the DPWW's August activity
- b. Jerry Johnson sale remnants utilization – The remnants will be posted in the classified of the DPWW. A letter of appreciation will be sent to Jerry Johnson by the treasurer.
- c. Board positions for 2026 – Everyone attending the board meeting expressed interest in remaining in their current positions.

Adjournment: 8:38 pm