

DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 6 via Zoom

Meeting Chairperson: George Rodgers

I. **Call to order** – 7:26 pm

II. **Members present / Introductions**_

☐ Gordon Brand	☐ Jim Harvey	☒ Bill Hoffman	☒ Michael Kalscheur
☒ Bruce Kinney	☒ Vaibhav Konanur	☒ Jeff Kramer	☒ Tom Kubica
☒ Bruce Metzdorf	☒ Lee Nye	☐ Tom Olson	☐ Don Pelligrini
☐ Howard Peterson	☒ George Rodgers	☐ Carl Shaffer	☒ Dave Wesolowicz
☒ John Wiedemann	☒ Mark Wieting	☒ Steve Young	

III. **Agenda additions** – Discussion of Holiday Party was added as item E. under Old Business.

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

V. **Treasurer's report – Dave Wesolowicz** – There is \$9,462 in our accounts as of September 30. A donation of \$150 was made to the Maple Street Chapel in appreciation for hosting one of our activities. A thank you note was sent to Jerry Johnson for his donations to the club.

VI. **Communications**

- A. Secretary's communication – October calendar items were sent out in late September.
- B. President's communication – No report.

VII. **Committee Reports**

- **Membership** – Mike Kalscheur – We currently have 204 members. Four (4) new members joined in September. The 2026 dues renewal process has started. Current board members were polled to determine their interest in remaining in their current (or other) positions. Members were also asked if they needed support in their current roles.
- **Library** – Tom Kubica – The library continues to operate smoothly. Tom Kubica sold a few items that were duplicated and purchased a book on Christmas ornaments for the library. Tom Olson will cover library operations at the October meeting.
- **Publicity** – Mark Wieting – We did not receive any news coverage at the September toy workshop. A Hinsdale based publication did conduct and interview with George Rodgers and Mark Wieting that should soon be released. George announced that another micro pantry was delivered to a school in Addison.
- **Prizes** – Bruce Kinney – October door prizes will be a 20-volt drill / driver set with two sets of bits for 1st prize. A Gripper will be the second prize.

- **Toy Workshop** – George Rodgers – The September toy workshop went well with over 500 wheeled vehicles produced and over 100 doll beds produced.
- **Newsletter** – John Wiedemann - Articles are needed by Friday for the October newsletter. John requested assistance in covering the October general meeting as he will not be able to attend.
- **From Our Workshop** – Lee Nye – Items are being purchased (mechanical pencils, etc.) from Woodcraft for the October FOW prizes.
- **Activities** – Vaibhav Konanur –George Rodgers will be doing a Parquetery activity in October and the November activity will be the progressive workshop visits.
- **Programs** – Bruce Metzdorf – A representative from 3M Xtract will present in October. November's program will consist of short presentations from the toy recipient organizations about the impact of the toy program.
- **Audio Visual** – Howard Peterson – No report.
- **Web** – Bill Hoffman – There has been quite a bit of activity in the classified ads. The "About" section of the web has been updated. There was a suggestion to include a section of the web devoted to Beads of Courage. Bill is looking for the best place on the website to post the board calendar and to post the Titebond presentation.
- **Tools** – Gordon Brand – A donated router and table will be listed in the classifieds for a nominal amount.
- **Clothing** – Richard Whitt will be assisting Carl in the clothing orders while Carl is unavailable.

XIII. Old Business

- a. Scholarships- Jeff Kramer – Update Awards information was emailed to the board for review. There was discussion around selection criteria and timing of \$250 payment to award recipients.

IX. New Business

- a. Limit speakers to 45-60 minutes, limiting shop questions – The issue was raised about the meetings lasting a long time due to program overruns and longer shop questions. Program presenters will be told they have 45 minutes for the presentation and 15 minutes for questions. Signs may be used to make the speakers aware of how much time they have left to prevent overruns.
- b. Sears home talk – Dave Wesolowicz made the suggestion to consider a program on the Sears Homes. While it is not a pure woodworking program, it does feature quite a bit of wood. This may also be used for a Holiday Party presentation as it would have some appeal to spouses.
- c. Non-members attending toy workshops or other events – George Rodgers – A father and son attended the September toy workshop that were not DPWW members. While we do not want to exclude individuals from the workshop and activities, they need to sign waivers and we should be trying to recruit them.

- d. Workshop 88 Collaboration – George Rodgers – Scott Williamson of Workshop 88 will speak for a few minutes at the October meeting. He runs a makers shop that has modest equipment and charges a fee of \$50 per month. Scott has offered to put up a DPWW banner in exchange for an ad in our newsletter.
- e. Holiday Party – George Rodgers – George suggested that we do a program like the Windy City Wood Turners and have Lou Malnati pizza and salads. Members would bring appetizers or a dessert. The club could purchase any incidentals. Members would pay a \$10 fee. The date would be Monday, December 15.

Adjournment: 8:18 pm