

Mason-Dixon Woodworkers
Executive meeting minutes 8/20/09

Meeting called to order at 7:29 P.M.

In attendance were Karson Morrison, Jim Ware, Pat Lemley, Ken Menser, Charlie Arbogast, Ed Nock, Marvin Long, Don Connell, Tom Matey, and Roger Hearn.

Minutes for the 6/20/09 meeting were read by Tom Matey and approved with one correction relating to membership numbers [66 on role, 40 paid].

Treasurers Report by Roger Hearn:

General Fund	\$615.78
Toy Fund	\$666.43
Total	\$1282.21

Membership report by Ken Menzer: 40 paid members, 66 on the role.

Workshop Tour report by Jim Ware: tour of Amish workshop is still pending [will be scheduled when convenient with craftsmen at the shop].

Workshop report by Ed Nock and Pat Lemley: The Shaker table workshop is scheduled for two sequential Saturdays 10/3/09 and 10/10/09 in Pat Lemley's workshop starting at 9:00 A.M. cost is \$60 plus a \$5 fee for members and \$80 plus a \$5 fee for nonmembers. Programs for December 09 and February and April 2010 are in the planning stage. Don Connell proposed that a workshop be devoted to constructing 6 or more hospital tray tables that fit over chairs.

Program report: Don Hicks was absent from the meeting but had advised Karson that George Garrison will not be able to do the September program due to a medical problem.

Charity Outreach report by Den Connell: ten toys started of which 8 are nearing completion.

Tool Crib report by Don Connell: nothing new to report.

Newsletter report by Marvin Long: nothing new to report. He will press to get more member email addresses to lower mailing costs.

Web page report by Tom Matey and Marvin Long: Tom deferred to Marvin who has taken the initiative to develop 9 web pages [including Home, Contact list, Newsletters, Tool crib, Show and tell, Calendar, and Links (for which he would like member input)] He expects soon to publish his web pages on our web site. Access to the web page was also discussed and it was agreed that it is not a good idea to give all members of the executive committee access due to the complexity of the process. Rather, access should be limited to a couple of individuals who are familiar with the administrative web publishing process. He brought his lap top to show members what he has done so far.

Old Business: Karson reported that the 501C3 form has yet to be submitted. Pat Lemley and he met last Tuesday and reviewed all the changes Karson had earlier made. Karson also stated he subsequently went to the IRS web site and found that they had changed the form effective January 2009 and that an additional year of financial data needs to be reported. Karson will work with Roger Hearn to assemble the data. Form should be ready to submit within about a week. Ed Nock brought up the question of where the money should come from to pay for the 501c3. He asserted it should come from the general fund and not the toy fund. Karson agreed with this suggestion. Karson reported that he thought the club picnic went well-good site-good venue- no cost for site. He thanked Roger for making the arrangements for using the site. Marvin asserted that he thought that we need to get to work on setting up some kind of accounting system.

New Business:

Fund Raising report by Pat Lemley: Pat reported that he had hosted a meeting on 8/11/09 of ~9 club members to brainstorm on the fundraising initiative. The group arrived at a set of 13 fundraising outreach recommendations and established a committee with Pat serving as the chair along with Jim Ware and Charlie Arbogast. Charlie Arbogast discussed accountability issues which was one of the initial concerns of the committee. Pat reviewed a letter he drafted soliciting contributions from past donors and sought input for corrections or additions. He will also appeal to club members for donations at the next general meet and in the newsletter. Marvin suggested posting an Honor Role of donors on the web page [names only].

Other new business: Ed Nock mentioned that more items may soon be for sale at the Forcash shop. Karson suggested we approach Chesapeake Woodworks to reciprocate in posting linkages on our respective web pages. He also stated that he needs create linkages to our web pages on web pages of other woodworkers clubs.

Show and Tell: Pat showed off his display case.

Meeting adjourned 8:59 P.M.

Tom Matey, Secretary