

Minutes of the Orange Count Scroll Saw Association – January 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Collins at 7:00 pm.

Barb Schmit – 1) Talked about Yahoo Groups and how that is working. It is useful for members to share information. 2) If you want a name badge sign up on the sheet at the front desk. Cost is 8.00. 3) Barb is going to start using the calendar in Yahoo groups to post the times of the club meetings and other events.

LaVaun Ward - 1) Please check the roster at the front desk to verify the information. 2) Send all changes to LaVaun at lavaunsk@pacbell.net. 3) Several members have scroll saws for sale. LaVaun is keeping a list if you are interested. 4) We are going to try to start a checkout system for items from the library. Please sign out if you borrow an item and check back in when you return it.

Mike Johnson gave the treasurer's report. Current balance for the month is \$1267.00.

Don Borchardt gave a report on the Toy program. 1) The next toy workshop will be January 23rd at Jim Grahams from 9 a.m – 1 p.m. 2) Don will bring blanks to the next meeting that need cutting. 3) Don has received notice that several charity organizations are having to consolidate because of financial issues. Not sure how this will impact our program this year. 4) He gave an update on his check from the Tropicana. He has received paper work to sign and the 'checks in the mail'. 5) Jerry Carter donated an orbital sander to the club. 6) There was discussion about the new paint testing law going into effect in 2009. It applies to toys for sale, so it should not affect our program.

Larry Olson will make a Corian run before the next meeting. Will have it available at the next meeting for members.

Jerry Poole - 1) Some of the CD's are not working very well. Seems to be related to the camera he was using. He is trying out a new one at the meeting tonight. 2) Ron suggested doing some 1 hour instructional videos that would be more consolidated than the videos taken at the workshops. He will work with Jerry on this.

Chuck Collins – 1) Always looking for tips of the month and quotes of the month for the newsletter. 2) Gave an update on Jim Balestreri's health. 3) Larry Olson will have his saw available at 6 pm the night of our meetings, for questions and instruction. Bring your questions to the 'Mentor's Corner'. 3) Chuck shared an experience he had over the holidays playing Santa for some disabled adults. He expressed a wish to have more firsthand information about children receiving toys from our Toy program.

Larry Fingers reviewed the items in the raffle tonight.

SAW Expo in 2010 – Member Jin McGuire has offered to head up a committee to host the 2010 SAW Expo in SoCal. The inland empire club has offered to help. SAW would like some planning in place by February.

Larry Olson is in charge of finding the programs that are presented at our monthly meetings. He is always open to suggestions. Please contact him if you have something you would like to learn about or any ideas you have.

Chuck expressed an interest in attending some of the other clubs in our area to see how they conduct their meetings. If you are interested some carpooling arrangements could be made. This would be a good use for the Yahoo groups email.

It is time to start planning the workshops for this year. See Chuck if you are interested in hosting, or have ideas of things to do.

Chuck presented Certificates of appreciation to: Ron Posten for the Christmas ornaments workshop he conducted in December. Jerry Poole for the presentation at the November meeting.

Pat Kowalke is the newly elected president of the Escondido Regular Cutups. They meet the 2nd Saturday of the month. The meeting in January featured a person who has a wood mill in his yard and has CA native wood for sale at very reasonable prices. He will have some at the meeting. Also if you want specific things talk to Pat or Ron and when they get a list together they will go periodically and pick up wood at his location. At the February 14th Meeting Dale Hower will be speaking. He is the state judge for Design in Wood scrollsaw fretwork, and intarsia. This year Excalibur is going to be a sponsor for the Delmar fair. They will provide 2 new saws for that fair that will also be available for the OC Fair.

Don Borchardt reminded us about the ongoing need for frames for the Unmet Needs program. I found the following information on the internet related to this topic. It is referring to information from WOOD Magazine. "The Unmet Needs Program, administered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation with support from tool accessory manufacturer Vermont American provides an opportunity to say "thanks" to the men and women of our armed services and their families. Just build one or more of the picture frame featured on page 86 of the April/May issue of WOOD magazine (no. 169). Then download the 8x10" temporary frame insert and the 2-1/2x3-1/2" label for the back of the frame. Sign the insert and label, trim them to size, slip the insert into the frame, and adhere the label to the back of the frame with spray adhesive. Then send your frame or frames to this address: Unmet Needs Program, Picture Frame Project, VFW Foundation, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111 "

Jerry Carter from Grex Products gave a presentation and donated some items to the raffle. He will give 5% of any sales to members back to the club.

Dues for 2009 are now due. They are \$30 and can be paid at any time.