

Meeting Minutes — January 6, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Flint Hills Woodturners began at 9:00 a.m., January 6, 2018 at the Golden Prairie Honey Farms, located at the Green Valley Industrial Park, 8859 Green Valley Drive, Suite 4, Manhattan Kansas.

President Tom Boley called the meeting to order.

The meeting began with Show and Tell. Tom Boley, Dennis Biggs, David Delker, Randy Zelenka, Steve Bietau, Terry Schmidt, Karl Dean, Vaughn Graber, Peter Dorhout and Robert Kloppenborg shared their recent work with the club.

Officers' Reports:

President: Tom Boley expressed the club's sadness as we learned of the death of member John Randle, and Tom shared a card of condolence for members to sign. Tom welcomed first time visitors to the meeting Steve Hougham, Ethan Erickson, Peter Ericson, and Larry Zeller. Tom announced the next You Gotta Eat is on January 18 and the next Skill Enhancement sessions are on January 11 and 22. FHW has applied for a \$1,500 grant from the American Association of Woodturners for the purchase of a new full size lathe as needed for the new meeting place. Donations by club members for a new lathe have amounted to \$2,340. A sound system is being consider by the board, and the opinions of members will be solicited to see if a system is needed. A three-month introductory membership is being offered by AAW for \$20, and Tom encouraged members to join AAW. Next Saturday, January 13, Tom will host the Topeka woodturning club, KAW, at his shop and give a demonstration on turning a canteen. All FHW members are invited to attend. Also, Tom noted we have new club brochures and cards, and he asked members to take some to share with those who have an interest in the club. Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community has requested FHW members donate turned pieces for their Meadowlark Memory Program auction; they need the pieces by February 28; so please bring items to the February meeting. Terry Schmidt suggested the club's demonstrations be taped for future viewing, and Tom said this was on the board's to-do list.

Vice President: No report

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: Tom Shields said we have \$5,570 in the treasury and 53 members at the end of 2017.

Operations Director: No report

Program Director: Dennis Biggs passed around a sign-up sheet for future program demonstrators and Tips and Tricks presenters. Dennis encouraged members who have not participated in programs in the past to consider making a presentation. Randy Zelenka suggested it might be worthwhile to re-do some program topics presented in the past because we have many new members.

Newsletter Editor: No report

Lowell Regehr presented this month's Tips and Tricks, showing off some unique tools he has collected and made over the years. He noted many tools used in woodworking have an application in woodturning.

This month's program was David Delker demonstrating the process for making miniature turned pieces, and he shared some of the small tools he uses. David completed the turning of several small objects, many of doll house size, and he showed the use of the small tools needed for miniature turning. Tools for miniature turning do not require a large investment, as David makes some tools from steel stock he obtained from Amazon and other tools were made from allen wrenches in which he hardened the steel. David pointed out small turned pieces can be made from expensive and exotic woods at little cost, and tight grain woods like ebony work best for miniature turning.

Raffle: Bob Holcombe, Joe Beck, Greg Paine, Ted Maciejewski, Karol Dean, Dennis Biggs, and Vic Vinson won valuable prizes.

The next Flint Hills Woodturning meeting will be on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Golden Prairie Honey Farms, located at the Green Valley Industrial Park, 8859 Green Valley Drive, Suite 4.

—Ned Gatewood, Secretary