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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas Fellow Woodcarvers!

We have had an exceptional year!

I would like to take this opportunity to say what a phenomenal group that our club is. I am so very glad to be a part of all the work we have done this past year. Congratulations to each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication!

We have lost some great members and they will be sorely missed!

All of your efforts have made it possible to give to five deserving charities this year. This is our "best" year yet and is a direct reflection of your hard work. In addition to this our club stepped up with donations and collections for other important needs. Thanks to everyone for your generous hearts!

Now we face a New Year and new work to be done and new "hills to climb"! Here's to an even better year in 2025. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and *Keep Carving!*

Kim

General Membership Meeting of November 21, 2024 MINUTES

Kim Valentine brought the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Nancy Wheeler gave the Treasurer's report. There was no change to the Charity account. Linda Peacy, the Membership Chair, said we had 121 members. Equipment/Tools Committee Chairman Bob Shaffer reported that we are in good shape as far as equipment and tools. Terry Muth said we were doing good on wood. Paul Baumann III said there were no classes until the next Beginners Class in January. Mandie Tetreault was not present as Publicity Chair. We need someone to replace her for the upcoming year as Publicity Chair. Librarian Sonia Nelson was not present. Sandy Smith said *The Chip Pile* was working well, but she was having a contact problem with the website. She will be adding a notice on the website about the Gnome Village and tickets for the raffle burning up in the house fire. Barbara Edelbrock reported that the Christmas party was on track. Cheryl McConkey is in charge of entertainment. Fifty-five people have signed up for the party so far. There will be a gift exchange with handmade items. Please wrap your gift if you want to participate in the exchange. Amy Wainscott said that we were ready for the fall CraftFest this weekend at the Fairgrounds. We are in need of items for the Charity table.

Old Business: A motion was made and seconded to do both a quilt board and a friendship cane for next year's

fundraisers. Motion approved. The club will provide the wood for these projects.

A motion was made and seconded to move the \$700 from this year's raffle account to the Charity account. Motion approved. A motion was then made to spend \$5000 on this year's charity, with \$1000 going to 5 different charities. Motion approved. A ballot vote was taken for which charities to give our donations to. This year's winners are: Into the Light; MH LT Thrift Shop; Shop with a Cop; Peitz Cancer Support; and Serenity.

Kim Valentine read the slate of club officers and board members for the upcoming year

2025 Officers

President Kim Valentine
Vice President Dee Robinson
Secretary Tina Campbell
Treasurer Nancy Wheeler

Board Members

Membership Linda and Ray Peacy
Equipment/Tools Bob Shaffer
Quartermasters Terry Muth /
Norman Dixon
Publicity Mandie Tetreault
Past President Marty Wells
Events / Party Coordinator Barbara Edelbrock
Auditor Pamela Frost
Librarian Sonia Nelson
Webmaster/Chip Pile Editor Sandy Smith
Sunshine Lady Sandy Lord
Fair Coordinator Paul Baumann III
Charity Coordinators Amy Wainscott /
Paul Baumann III

A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers and board members as read. Motion carried.

New Business: None

Announcements: Mel Duman is doing okay after heart surgery. A donation was made by club members to Amy Wainscott to help with the total loss of her house due to a house fire.

Show and Tell: Kim Valentine – frogs with painted toes; Marty Wells – hippie and elf; Ray Peacy – beaver and comb; Donna Mutchler – cottonwood carving, 2 woodturnings; Sid Edelbrock – comfort birds, cross out of nails; Joanne Thomas – elephant, snake, redwood 2x4 dragon; Daryl Lehman – hummingbird, roses with hummingbirds, Baltimore oriole, goldfinch; Tim Sharp – dragon, meadowlark on oak burl; Ethan Swanson – hillbilly, goose, totem; Jim Mace – snowmen, stacked pumpkins, Kriss Kringle & Christmas tree; Paul Baumann III – bark house; Terry Muth – first chainsaw carved tree. Daryl Lehman won the drawing.

Name Tag Winner: Bob Gilkerson won the name tag drawing.

50/50 Drawing: Linda Peacy won the drawing.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.
Respectfully submitted, Nancy Smith, Secretary

**Board of Directors Meeting
of December 12, 2024**

Kim Valentine brought the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Treasurer Nancy Wheeler said the charity bank balance was \$1566 to start the new year. Membership co-chairman Linda Peacy reported that we have 121 members with 57 members having paid next year's dues already. Bob Shaffer reported that we have enough tool kits for the upcoming Beginners' Class in January. Terry Muth informed the board that 1½ inch wood stock was getting low. Paul Baumann III said the Beginners' Class will start the 4th Thursday of January on the 23rd. Kim asked if there was anyone interested in taking over the publicity chairmanship. He said he was going to ask Dave McConkey to take over the duties. After the meeting Kim announced the Dave had accepted the position. Librarian Sonia Nelson said the library had a lot of books. Sandy Smith said *The Chip Pile* and website are doing well. Sandy Lord said she would be sending a card to Rod Engle, who is in hospice. Barb Edelbrock was not present. Next week everyone should bring a snack to the meeting. Amy Wainscott thanked everyone for a great year. She also informed us that the charity items are getting low. We had 6 full totes and are now down to 4. We need to fill them up again. We also need items to give as door prizes.

Unfinished Business: Next year's raffle projects need to be started. We'll take this up again in the first week of January. Kim asked what should be done with the chain-sawed gnome to be raffled. It couldn't be given out because the tickets burned in the house fire. It was suggested that it be used for the Chinese Auction at the show banquet.

New Business: A vote was taken by the membership on whether we want to meet on the 26th of December and the 2nd of January. It was decided that we will not be meeting on December 26th but will meet on the 2nd of January. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.
Respectfully submitted, Nancy Smith, Secretary

2025 Dues are Due

It is that time of the year when our dues for the 2025 year should be paid. They are still \$20 for individual memberships and \$30 for member/spouse memberships. Dues may be paid during the Thursday morning meeting. Just stop by and see either Ray or Linda. They can also be paid by mailing your dues to the club at P.O. Box 531, Mountain Home, AR 72654.



**SUNSHINE LADY
REPORTS**

Please let Sandy Lord or Board Members know of any member who may be ill or who may have lost a loved one. Our members appreciate knowing that we are thinking of them and that our best wishes are extended to them during these stressful and often traumatic times.

2025 Membership Dues
\$20 - Individual Membership
\$30 - Individual Membership plus Spouse
Please see **Ray and Linda Peacy,**
Membership Chairpeople,
to Renew Your Membership

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