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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hey Woodcarvers!

It's time to get your thinking caps on researching ideas for this year's *Charity Candidates*. So, be ready with your nominations when the time comes. Remember that information on the charity and population served, as well as contact information, needs to be available. Each and every member can be very proud of the work and generosity of our club and all that is done for our community.

Time is passing rapidly, but we still have a couple of events to attend before this year ends. We have the Farmers' Market and the Fall Craftfest left. So, get ready to step up and help man the tables for a couple of hours to help make it all a success.

Please take advantage of all of the ongoing classes on Thursdays. Thanks to all of the members who are making them happen. Carving is what it's all about.

Thanks to Pat Grimes for taking on the new *Member Directory*. Please, everyone get their pictures taken and check that your information is correct for Pat, so she can get it all put together soon.

Keep all of our sick and incapacitated members in your thoughts and prayers.

Carve On!

Kim

General Membership Meeting of August 21, 2025 MINUTES

Our meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m. by President Kim Valentine, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The treasurer's report from Nancy Wheeler, given by Kim Valentine as she was absent, is that we currently stand with sufficient general funds and a growing charity fund. If you would like the exact amounts, please ask a board member.

Our membership is currently 126, confirmed by our Membership Chair Linda Peacy.

Bob Shaffer, the Equipment/Tool Chair, reports that our inventory is satisfactory and ready for the next class.

Terry Muth, Quartermaster/Wood Chair, was not present, but Norm Dixon confirms there is an adequate stock of wood at this time.

Vice President Dee Robinson, who oversees classes and activities, reminded us there will be a Turtle class with Kim Valentine starting August 28th, and he will also be giving a power tool demonstration in the parking lot on that date. There is also a pyrography class in the works with details TBA and a future lamb class with Bob Gilkerson.

Publicity Chair Evelyn Burtram has kept the Facebook page active – please check it out.

Our library is fully stocked, thanks to Sonia Nelson.

Sandy Smith manages our web page and *The Chip Pile*, and says all is well.

Nothing new on the Fair coordination according to Paul Baumann III.

Sunshine Lady Sandy Lord had no new updates on members, but did say she needs the Dogwood Crosses made by members that we give if a member passes away. Paul Baumann III will be giving instruction and the McConkey's are donating the wood.

Our Charity project managed by Amy Neumann is preparing for the Fall Craftfest and possibly an event in Bull Shoals. She can ALWAYS use donations.

We will be having a pizza party on August 28. Barbara Edelbrock will order and pick up the pizzas and bring a large salad. Amy Neumann is bringing salad dressings.

Unfinished business: None.

New business: Pat Grimes has volunteered to produce our updated member directory.

Mary Ragan was here for a visit.

Today's Show and Tell went great – we had 12 participants and Cindy Clifton won the drawing. She had her Chickadee from Marty's bird class and a Biker Rooster from Bob G's class. Marty Wells brought in dogs and birds which he donated several to the charity table. Rod and Pat Grimes showed their completed class projects. J Ellingson made a Santa for the charity table. There were 2 relief carvings of The Crown of Thorns and metal work by Sid Edelbrock. Sandy Smith showed her newest piece, a "Bullfrog" named Jeremiah for the CCA meeting. JoAnne Thomas had jewelry and a purple heart, made with real purple wood. Matt Burtram showed his beautiful bluebird, painted with glow in the dark paint. He calls it "Ole Blue". Paul Baumann III donated several new bark carvings for the charity table and Bob Gilkerson showed us his new works from his most recent Van Kelly class, Tater and Hillbilly Santa. He also brought a special carving for the Charity ticket drawing, which will be painted by Sandy Smith and Deb Bergum.

Our name tag winner this month is Norm Rutledge and Sandy Lord won 50/50.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of September 4, 2025 MINUTES

Kim Valentine called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. The first topic of discussion was the treasurer's report from Nancy Wheeler. There has been no change since her last report.

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We did get a new member today, according to Linda Peacy, and our current membership is 127.

Bob Shaffer continues to gather equipment sets for the next class and took an inventory of what he has. His goal is 12 sets.

Our quartermaster, Terry Muth, was not present but as of last report we have sufficient wood stock.

Vice President Dee Robinson gave a summary of upcoming classes, including the turtle class and carving demo from Kim Valentine today. We will also have a short training for the dogwood crosses, for members or spouses that have passed. Paul Baumann III will match each cross donated. Our goal is 8 nicely done crosses that are suitable to represent our club. Bob Gilkerson will also be giving a Dlalo lamb class soon.

Evelyn Burtram stated she could use a partner to help with the publicity and Pat Grimes agreed to help with things outside of social media. We welcome Pat's help.

Our library is well stocked and ready for use according to Sonia Nelson. We also would like to hang the memoriam plaque in the library and not just bury it in a box somewhere.

No *Chip Pile* or website report at this time, as Sandy Smith was not present.

Sandy Lord wanted everyone to know that Irving Bourgeois is in the hospital, along with Jack Clarke. Irving has a blood infection, and Jack does not seem to be improving, according to his wife. LouAnn Peach. Sandy also shared the devastating news of Pamela Frost's condition. Pamela wants privacy at this time and would like us all to respect that.

Nothing new with Fair Coordination, but Paul Baumann III is still looking for 2 picture frames from the Craftfest that had the

legends for the cane and the quilt. If someone remembers packing them after that event, please let him know. We still need to check in storage.

Our next potluck is in October and we took a vote to NOT have a main dish provided and make it a regular potluck, unless Barbara Edelbrock has a theme, i.e. Mexican, Italian or something like that.

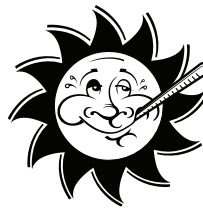
The next Craftfest event is in November. Amy Neumann is still working on doing something at the Farmers' Market or the Dam Jam in Bull Shoals. Kim Valentine would like us to help the Food Basket with a food drive this month and the high school homeless students in about a month and a half.

The only old business is consideration of a larger storage unit at the beginning of the year.

No new business at this time. No announcements either.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary



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.

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