



The Turning Point

The newsletter of the Siouxland Woodturners
A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

February 2025

March Meeting and activities:

The March meeting will be at Harrisburg High School on Saturday, March 1, 2025.

Lathes should be out around 10:00 AM

Raffle and Show and Tell around 11:30

Break for lunch – on your own

Executive Committee members met during lunch hour.

Demo by John Weaver on candle/candlestick making at 1:00

President's Message...

Be Safe,

Aaron

February Meeting Minutes...

Siouxland Woodturners

February 1, 2025 ---Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting was called to order by president Aaron Salberg at 1:07 P.M. The secretary reported that a quorum had been met. Introduction of members and guests was made.

The next activity was the raffle items, which brought \$127.00 to the club treasury

Treasurer's Report (Al Warnock)

An ending balance of **\$4787.59** was reported. It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion was passed by voice vote. The treasurer reported that the 990 has been filed with the IRS.

Committee Reports

Education – Michele Bierstedt reported that mentors are still needed for the spring classes that will be held at Lincoln High School. The catalog will be available 2-8-25. For the 101 classes we try to have 1 mentor per student, 10 total. For the intermediate classes 1 mentor for 2 students, 5 total. Michele reported that the feedback from previous students had great reviews. She also reported that the classes in 2024 brought \$2902.00 to the club treasury.

Classes are as follows: (6 total)

4/8, 4/10, 4/15 – 101 Classes

4/22 – pens

4/24 succulent bowls

4/29 – glass stemware

Michele moved that we purchase drill bits and Forstner bits for each of the 11 toolboxes in the amount of approximately \$1200.00 John Olsen made a second and it was passed by voice vote.

Membership – John Weaver reported we have 40 paid memberships for 2025. We have 78 on our membership list.

Wig Stand Program-- Aaron reported that we made and gave Avera 200 wig stands in 2024 and that Avera wants to say "thank you" to the club members who have made wig stands. The

club will have a table, at no charge, to display items when Avera has their cancer race on May 10th.

Military Pens. Rex reported that he has done a pen inventory and we need to increase our pen inventory. Discussion of where best to purchased pens ensued. A motion was made by Corky to purchase 1000 pen mechanisms direct from China at a cost of about .60-.75/kit plus shipping. These pens would take the same refills. Royce seconded the motion and it was passed by voice vote.

Equipment—Cleo commented that anyone that has any ideas about how to keep things organized please offer them to him.

In March we need to clean up and sharpen tools to be ready for the classes.

There was discussion on protection for the lathes after the classes are completed. One suggestion was to use Boeshield or Anchor shield for a rust protector.

Inventory – We need to have an inventory of everything we have. Our insurance is to cover everything, equipment, tools, etc.

****Newsletter** – Continue to look for a newsletter editor. In the interim Gene Wubben will be doing the newsletter.

Discussion Items

- Stan Houston – February
- If you want to turn at Stan Houston please contact Royce. Need to unload the trailer at 7:30 AM.
- Nick Cook presentation has been cancelled and thus this information is not reported.

Cory Ball moved the meeting be adjourned and was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranah Sample

Secretary

*February Challenge – Succulent Bowl (voted on my membership)

1st – Cleo Wiederich

2nd - Gene Wubben

3rd – Cleo Wiederich

* Pictures will be on website and on face book

There was a great Show and Tell of member's items!

Pictures will be available in the newsletter, website and face book.

Next Meeting (March 1st) at Harrisburg Shop

- Lathes will be out and we will have open turning starting at 10:00 AM
- Challenge for March – Candel/Candlestick holders

Program/Demo for March:

Demo: Candle/candlestick making – John Weaver

February Show and Tell



January entries for Succulent holders



And the winners: Cleo and Gene







Snapshots from Stan Houston Tool Show

Four turners at work: Greg, Craig, Rex, and Bill





