



The Turning Point

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February Meeting...

The February meeting will be at the Harrisburg High School on February 3rd beginning at 10:00 a.m. This is Military Pen Day. Lunch is on your own and there will a short business meeting after lunch.

President's Message...

Well, for better or worse, I'm back for another stint as the president of this outfit. I'll do my best. I am not easily offended so, if you ever have any suggestions as to how to better do my job, please speak up. Our thanks to John Weaver for his service as our previous president.

The next couple of months will be busy for the Siouxland Woodturners. First up, at our February 3rd meeting, we will hold our annual "pens for the military" marathon. We will start at 10:00 AM, take a break for lunch at noon (brown bag your lunch), have a brief business meeting at 1:00, and then finish up the pens. This is really a fun day. We can find a job for everyone, even if you're not a pen turner. Please plan to join us.

On February 23 & 24 we will be demonstrating at the annual Stan Houston Woodworking and Tool Show in Sioux Falls. At the February meeting you will have the opportunity to sign up to help with this event. You can sign up to do some demo turning or to visit with other attendees, hand out brochures, and help spread the word about the Siouxland Woodturners.

During March and April we will be holding another round of classes at Community Education in Sioux Falls Starting with "Woodturning 101" on March 27th and 29th. At the next couple of meetings we will be asking for volunteers to help out at these classes. It really is nice to have one mentor for each student so please consider volunteering. These classes are a lot of fun and, who knows, you might learn a thing or two yourself.

I'll close by reminding everyone that the Siouxland Woodturners really is about YOU! Ask questions, make suggestions, volunteer to do a demonstration at an upcoming meeting, sign up to help with a class or event. Everyone has something to offer and we look forward to your input.

Until next time, remember...

DON'T LET THE INSIDE DIAMETER EXCEED THE OUTSIDE DIAMETER!

Royce Meritt

January Meeting Minutes...

President Royce Meritt called the Jan. 6, 2018 meeting of the Siouxland Woodturners to order at 1:00 PM. Sue Smith moved and John Weaver seconded the approval of the minutes of the December meeting. Motion passed.

Those in attendance introduced themselves - 31 were in attendance.

Thoughts and prayers for Jim and Ranah Sample. We hope to see them both at upcoming meetings.

Treasurer Jack Zimmel reported a balance of \$2446.10.

There was nothing to report regarding the library.

There was nothing to report regarding equipment, but it was noted to contact Jim Havard if you see any need or wanted to offer suggestions regarding the equipment.

Memberships are still \$25 per year and are due for 2018. We currently have 37 members paid. See Corky or Jack to pay your dues. Royce passed around a signup sheet for those who have paid their dues but have not received a name plates. Doug will take over cutting blanks for the name plates.

OLD BUSINESS

AAW Grant: After review, the club decided not to apply for an AAW grant at this time.

New Lathe: Discussion regarding potential lathes. Delta has a variable speed for under \$600. It was stated that the club is in pretty good shape

Prices for CA, Pentacryl, Anchor Seal, and Methanol. John Weaver stated that 16 oz. of CA was \$16.70 plus shipping. Doug has anchor seal available for \$12 per gal. Doug may bring Pentacryl back in March saving shipping costs. The club is out of Methanol. More discussion at the Feb. meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Stan Houston Woodworking show is Feb 23rd & 24th. Motion by Sue Smith and 2nd by Ron C. to have Royce will coordinate the clubs involvement. Carried

Newsletter Editor. Jim Collingwood was appointed the Newsletter Editor. The Club thanked John Suhreptz for his service.

Raffle Prizes. The executive committee will appoint two members at the Feb. meeting to review raffle prizes at meetings and make suggestions.

At the Feb. 3rd meeting we will be working on pens for the military. We will start at 10 a.m., take a lunch break have a brief meeting and then finish the pens. Rex has approx. 220 of the 308 casings. He also had brass tubes along with approx. 150 maple and walnut blanks drilled out for members to take and glue up. Rex stated that he was short

mechanisms for the pens. Corky made a motion to buy 50 mechanisms at a cost of 10 for &7.50 and Sue seconded. Carried.

Jack Zimmer talked regarding Abernet sandpaper that are bought in rolls and then cut to reduce the cost. He stated that it is approx. \$1.50 per sheet and \$10 for the velcro pad. Doug made a motion and Al seconded it for the executive committee to select two persons to proceed with the purchase and also establish a list of suppliers and websites ect., to be posted on the clubs website for members use. Carried.

Harrisburg High Ag Teacher asked Royce to do a demo for a class which he will do on Monday. She also asked for a demo on Tuesday which he couldn't do and asked for a volunteer. Sue volunteered and will get with Royce for input.

Bonnie is organizing a convention for the SD Master Gardeners Sept 28-30 and asked if anyone was willing to donate a woodturning for raffle prizes. Doug and Al H. both volunteered to turn a piece for the raffle.

Steve Schlueter stated that Frank Denton had pieces on display at the East Bank Art Gallery in Sioux Falls and recommended members stop by and take a look.

Spring Community Education Classes...

The Spring Community Education classes are set. All classes will be held at the Career and Technical Education Center at 4700 W Career Circle in Sioux Falls. That's near the intersection of Terry Avenue and Madison Street on the west side of I-29. Class times are 6:00 p.m.to 8:30 p.m. As always if you can, please help out by just being there as a mentor for the new students.

Woodturning 101 - Tuesday March 27 and Thursday March 29

Intermediate Platter – Thursday, April 5

Intermediate Writer's Pen – Tuesday, April 10

Intermediate Green Bowl – Thursday, April 12

Intermediate Candle Stick or Lamp – Tuesday, April 17

Intermediate Coffee or Ice Cream Scoop – Thursday, April 19

Intermediate Razor Kit – Tuesday, April 24

Items wanted or for Sale

- ❖ John Weaver has a Dremel saw for \$70.00

Turning tips/techniques

- ❖ Doug offered to help members at his shop on Tuesday evenings. Give Doug a call on this.
- ❖ Jack showed his chuck that he made for aiding in turning Easter eggs.
- ❖ Dennis N. said that he purchases 6" sanding discs and cuts 2" discs from them reducing his cost.
- ❖ Royce showed his embellishing tool using grinding tool wheels. He gave away four sets of two to members to design a tool for themselves and one for the club. Royce demonstrated his embellishing tool after the meeting.
- ❖ Jeff A. said that he watched PBS 3 and seen a show titled Craft in America featuring the *Moulthrop family*. *It is also viewable on You Tube and members would find it very interesting.*
- ❖ Gene W. showed a bandsaw blade that was ruined and explained the cause. He also recommended cleaning the threads on chucks before mounting on a lathe.

Rex made a motion and John W. seconded it to adjourn. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

January Club Challenge - Pens

1st place - Jack (\$10 - Craft Supply)

2nd place - Dennis (\$10 - Craft Supply)

3rd place - Jim C. (Sandpaper)

Congratulations to all.

SHOW AND TELL PHOTOS











President Royce demonstrating the use of his homemade embellishing tool Works great!!

