

SAZWA MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2025

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Jim Payne

38 members signed in to the meeting roster. There were 5 guests who signed in for the meeting. A head count of people at the meeting determined that there were 43 people present indicating that everyone in attendance signed in.

Minutes from the meeting of April 12, 2025 were discussed. Motion to approve the minutes by Diane Benson and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Dave Windsor reported that the checking account balance as of May 1, 2025 was \$4,344.85. The two CDs have so far earned \$430.54 in interest since opening.

Committee reports:

Toys: Frank Pickett stated that he has axle pins and wheels available at the meeting. He also pointed out that we are now halfway through the year so it is time to get started for next Christmas.

Beads of Courage: Bob Deines reported that 24 boxes have been turned in so far this year. The goal for the year is 50.

Doodle Boxes: Terry Glover reported that kits were available at the meeting for members to assemble.

Pens for Troops: Bud Bencic reported that more than 800 pens had been sent in to Woodcraft so far this year. He reported that he had kits available at the meeting.

Purple Heart Pens: Spencer Davis reported that he had just received 100 kits. He had kits and blanks available for member who wanted to turn pens. He reported that some completed pens had been provided to the VA hospital and that he planned on contacting the Wounded Warrior Project to see if they could assist in distributing completed pens.

Diaper Bank: Jim Payne reported that the next fundraiser had been moved to April 2026. Any donations would be needed by the March meeting. He stated that the Diaper Bank was trying a new fundraising activity in May of a Poker Tournament. He stated that the Bank was also requesting toys for Christmas distribution.

Old Business

Jim Click Raffle Paul Newell reported that the Jim Click Raffle was underway for 2025. The grand prize is a 2025 Kia Hybrid worth more than \$100,000. The winner can alternatively choose to take a cash prize of approximately 75% of the car's value. Second prize is two first-class round-trip airline tickets to anywhere in the world and third prize is \$5,000 in cash. Tickets cost \$25 each or five for \$100 with all proceeds to go to the club. Tickets are available at the meeting. Bud Bencic will be handling the ticket sales for the Desert Woodcrafters meetings. Tickets will be on sale until November. He reported that some tickets had already been purchased by club members.

Club Article: Jim Payne reported that Kate Stewart had completed the final draft of the article about the civic activities of the two Tucson woodworking clubs for submission to the AAW magazine and it was available for review. Copies were available at the meeting for review and the draft will be posted on the website.

New Business

Library update: Jim Miller advised the members that the library records showed several items had been checked out for an extended period, some of them for years. He stated that he would prepare a list of those members, former members, and library items for posting on the website to see if they were still in existence.

School Program Discussion occurred as to whether the membership was interested in re-starting the turning program that had occurred pre-pandemic at Flowing Wells High School where members would come in before school and teach students how to make projects. Suggestions were made for creating a flier and changing the program to after school rather than before school. No formal action was taken on the proposal.

Christmas Party The Christmas party planning committee is seeking input and feedback as to the party location. For the past couple of years, the party has been held in the Flowing Wells High School Cafeteria with catering by the Flowing Wells Culinary Program students. The teacher heading that project is leaving the school. Jim Payne indicated that he would contact the new teacher to determine her interest in continuing the catering for the party and the availability of the cafeteria since Flowing Wells Administration had changed the procedure for reserving the space.

Blood Bank Discussion occurred as to whether the Blood Bank should be added as a club Community Project. Some members have been making and donating projects to the Blood Bank. The bank then gives those items to blood donors or to volunteers. No formal action taken.

Instant gallery was presented by Jim Beaman. Sixteen members brought in 31 projects for display and critique. The winner of the instant gallery \$25 prize was Tom Roper.

Presidents Choice for this meeting was a turning made by using the sanding techniques from the April meeting. Five members brought in 9 projects along with several completed community service projects.

50/50 drawing: Ticket sales generated \$100 in funds for the drawing. The winner was Jim Beaman with \$50 to Jim and \$50 to the club.

Bring back drawing: The bring back drawing item was a turned clock made by Mike Phillips. The prize was won by Bob Deines.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on June 14, 2025. The President's Choice will be a turned flower. Instead of a regular demonstration, the June meeting will be followed by Pen Turning. Club lathes will be brought out so members can turn pens for the Pens for Troops project.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Today's demonstration was turning a flower using a skew presented by Skip Beardsly.

Secretary Chris Roads