

SAZWA MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2025

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

40 members signed in to the meeting roster. There were 4 guests who signed in for the meeting. A head count of people at the meeting determined that there were 44 people present indicating that everyone in attendance signed in.

Minutes: The minutes from the September 13, 2025 meeting were discussed. Motion by Beau Alexander to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: No report was available this month.

Committee reports:

Toys: Frank Pickett stated that he has axle pins and wheels available at the meeting. Toys must be turned in no later than the Desert Woodcrafters meeting to be held on December 6.

Beads of Courage: Curt Peters reported that so far this year 63 complete boxes have been turned in exceeding the goal of 50. Jim Payne reported that Beads of Courage will be holding a fundraiser event on February 7, 2026. Last year at a similar event, woodturners from the Phoenix club came to Tucson and turned tops in the parking lot. Jim hoped that SAZWA members would be available for the February event.

Doodle Boxes: Curt Peters reported that last week's Desert Woodcrafters box assembly event resulted in 206 boxes being assembled. He reported that he had both types of kits available for SAZWA members to take home and assemble.

Pens for Troops: Bud Bencic reported that approximately 1,600 pens have been turned in so far this year and that he had approximately 200 packaged and ready to turn in. An additional 100 were turned in by members at today's meeting. He still needs a minimum of 100 more pens to be turned in before he can submit the batch to Woodcraft. He had kits available at the meeting and stated that the deadline to turn in completed pens for this year's project was the November SAZWA meeting. If you have kits in your possession, now is the time to get them finished and turned in.

Purple Heart Pens: Spencer Davis reported that he had kits and wood blanks available.

Diaper Bank: Jim Payne reported that the diaper bank fundraising auction is scheduled for April 18, 2026 and that he would need donations in advance of that date. The Presidents Choice for the March 2026 meeting will be items to be donated to the Diaper Bank fundraising auction.

Pens for Vets: Terry Heffernan reported that he had kits available for members to turn. Cards have also been printed to go with the pens so that the veterans who receive them will know they came from the club. Some pens have already been distributed at the VA hospital.

Old Business

Jim Click Raffle Paul Newell reported that raffle tickets were available at a cost of 25 each or 5 tickets for \$100. All proceeds from the ticket sales remain with the club. Ticket sales will continue through the November meetings.

Christmas Party Stacy Bansback reported that the annual Christmas Party would be held on December 13, 2025 at the Flowing Wells High School cafeteria. Tickets will cost \$25 each and can either be paid in person in advance or through the SAZWA website.

Election of 2026 Officers Jim Payne reported that its time to prepare for the election of officers for 2026. The election will be held during the November meeting. Vice President Stacy Bansback and Treasurer Dave Windsor will not be seeking to run again. The other officers indicated that they are willing to run again, but if any other member is interested in the position, they will be happy to yield to the new candidate. Anyone interested in serving as a club officer in 2026 should contact Jim Beaman or Jim Payne. It was also noted that Dave Windsor will be stepping down as webmaster of the SAZWA website. Assistant webmaster Chris Eggers indicated that he is considering taking over the duty but has not yet made a final decision. Anyone interested in serving as webmaster should contact Jim Payne or Dave Windsor. Chris Eggers also reported that he has been serving as membership chair but he believes that position should be consolidated with the Treasurer's position since the work performed by the membership chair has to be completed a second time by the Treasurer.

New Business

Annual Dues: Jim Payne reminded everyone that annual membership dues will be due starting in January. No decision has been made as to whether the dues will remain at the 2025 level and that decision will need to be made soon.

Christmas Party Donor: Ken Walston reported that he is on the committee contacting vendors for donations to the Christmas Party and received a request from McFeely's to have the clubs participate in an online interactive sales presentation of the products that company offers. He indicated that the meeting could be scheduled either during a regular club meeting or at another time where members can participate from home through Zoom. Discussion occurred as to whether to accept the request and if so, schedule during a regular meeting or at another time. The consensus of the members was to accept the request and to schedule the meeting at some time other than a regular meeting. Members will be advised as to the date and receive instructions for the Zoom connection at a later date.

Toy Distribution dates: Jim Payne reported that he had received the dates for distributing toys at the two Flowing Wells district schools. Distribution at Richardson Elementary will occur on December 15 and at Walter Douglas Elementary on December 18. Volunteers are needed to serve as elves to assist in the events. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Jim know.

Instant gallery was presented by Jim Beaman. Fourteen individuals including members and guests brought in 24 projects for display and critique. The winner of the instant gallery \$25 prize was visitor Susan Van Loon Runnoe.

Presidents Choice for this meeting was any service project item. Six members brought in multiple projects for display including pens, doodle boxes and beads of courage boxes.

50/50 drawing: Ticket sales generated \$114 in funds for the drawing. The winner was Linda Reed with \$57 to Linda and \$57 to the club.

Bring back drawing: The bring back drawing item was a bowl turned by Jim Beaman. The prize was won by Chris Eggers.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on November 8, 2025. The President's Choice will be a plate or platter. Check the website for the subject of the November demonstration.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Today's demonstration was turning a platter by Ken Walston.

Secretary Chris Roads