

SAZWA MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2025

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

33 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 37 people present indicating that everyone in attendance signed in.

Minutes: The minutes from the August 9, 2025 meeting were discussed. Motion by Spencer Davis to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Dave Windsor reported that the checking account balance as of September 1, 2025 was \$4,758.40. The two CDs have so far earned \$550.64 in interest since opening.

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: Bob Deines advised that anyone interested in turning a project to be used as a fundraiser item was welcomed to do so and that the Beads of Courage staff planned on holding an online fundraising event in December. Jim Payne reported that Beads of Courage had held an in person fundraising event in April and May and that turners from Phoenix had been present and turning items in the office parking lot as part of the fundraiser. Jim stated that they were going to hold another event in the spring of 2026 and wanted members to consider setting up lathes and turning items to assist.

Doodle Boxes: Terry Glover reported that some of the recent kits had a calibration error resulting in the cans not fitting the opening. Anyone who attempted to assemble those kits should return them as the issue can be corrected with a 3D printed can. Kits were available at the meeting for members to assemble. It was also reported that at next month's Desert Woodcrafters meeting the members will be assembling doodle boxes in lieu of a demonstration. Any SAZWA member wishing to help with that activity is welcome to attend.

Pens for Troops: Bud Bencic reported that approximately 1,600 pens have been turned in so far this year. He had kits available at the meeting and stated that the deadline to turn in completed pens for this year's project was the October 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 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.

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 October and November meetings.

New Business

Pens for Vets Bud Bencic made a motion that the club adopt a new civic activity that would tentatively be called Pens for Vets. He proposed that the club buy pen kits and members turn pens separately from both the Pens for Troops and Purple Heart projects. These pens will be kept locally and distributed to military veterans at the VA hospital or at any of the other veteran organizations such as DAV, American Legion and VFW. He suggested an annual club expenditure of \$250 for this project. Motion seconded by Terry Glover. Motion approved unanimously.

Christmas Party Jim Payne reported that the annual Christmas Party would be held on December 13, 2025 at the Flowing Wells High School cafeteria. He expected to have more details available by the October meeting. Treasurer Dave Widsor proposed that the club limit the cost of the party to \$25 per person with any cost above that paid by the club. He stated that once this is finalized, members can purchase their tickets through the website. Vice President Stacy Bansback stated that she needs volunteers to help contact vendors for donations for the door prizes. Anyone interested in helping should contact Stacy as soon as possible.

Election of 2026 Officers Jim Payne reported that its time to prepare for the election of officers for 2026. He asked Jim Beaman to serve as chair of the nominations committee. Anyone interested in serving as a club officer in 2026 should contact Jim Beaman or Jim Payne. The election is to be held during the November meeting.

Instant gallery was presented by Jim Beaman. Eleven members brought in 16 projects for display and critique. The winner of the instant gallery \$25 prize was Dean Zimmerman.

Presidents Choice for this meeting was a turned item with color enhancement. Eleven members brought in 12 projects including service projects for display. The quarterly president's choice prize drawing was held. The \$50 prize was won by Terry Heffernan and the \$25 prize was won by Jim Beaman.

50/50 drawing: Ticket sales generated \$101 in funds for the drawing. The winner was Fred Frankenfeld with \$50 to Fred and \$51 to the club.

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

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on October 11, 2025. The President's Choice will be any item to be donated to Beads of Courage. The demonstration will be how to transform a log into a blank by Dave Windsor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Today's demonstration was turning a Natural Edge Bowl by Will Simpson.

Secretary Chris Roads