

Peter McCrea the President of Maine Woodturners called a planning meeting to order at 6:30 PM Sept. 5th at Erskine Academy. He handed out an Agenda to the following members who attended: Vice Pres. Andy Hoyt, Treas. Burt Truman, Sec. Tom Raymond, Dennis Curtis, and Dave Lancaster.

The first item on the agenda was the Sept. 22nd meeting, which is a demonstration by Christian Burchard from 9 AM to 3 PM at Erskine Academy. Prior to the meeting he will call for a vote on election of a Sec. and Treas. for the next 2-year term.

The October meeting will be held on Oct. 17th at the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship in Rockport from 7 to 9 PM at the Messler Gallery. The theme called "Far From The Tree" which are Woodturnings by twenty nine of the country's leading Woodturners. Jacques Vesery is the Curator of this program. Western Maine Woodturners will be invited to join us. A bus was suggested from Erskine Academy to Rockport.

The club Christmas party will be held at Erskine Academy on December 12th. The Yankee Swap will be the highlight again.

From Jan. to May demonstrations were discussed which included many names and the following topics: Spindle replication, tools/fixtures, bowl rims, "reading the burl, texturing, carving /piercing, show and tell by an expert panel, pricing your work, photographing, wood biology/technology, lampshades, femtospheres, hats, critique process, and design form.

Some New England high quality demonstrators were suggested rather than importing people from long distances and have to pay more.

Re-starting a newsletter was discussed although it was tabled because of lack of a suitable business plan for it to follow. Andy Hoyt advised that it takes about ten hours a month of his time to maintain the website.

It was suggested to budget \$200 for the library.

The large lathe at Erskine was inspected and it was discovered that the live tailstock center is damaged. The threads are damaged and the bearings are worn out. The club ordered 2 new ones from Dave Lancaster.

A discussion of a joint meeting with Western Maine Woodturners in Dixfield was met with mixed emotions. The distance being a factor and the large number in our club.

It was suggested that the Treasurer hand out a \$10 gift certificate from Craft Supplies to all new members when they sign up. Peter gave a stack to Burt Truman.

Dennis Curtis enlightened us on the next phase of our DVD video system. The present one camera system has been great to date. The next step is to install a second fixed camera either over the lathe or from the vicinity of the end of the bed. A switch would be located at the video operators station to control which camera is filming. Six hundred dollars is being budgeted for this improvement. Dennis will check further in selection of components.

The meeting ended at 9:15 PM

Tom Raymond, Sec