

Tidewater Woodworkers Guild
January 2008

The meeting was called to order on 28 January 2008, at 7 pm by the president, Andy Steinberg. After a short introduction and recognition of new faces, he introduced the first presenter.

A Ms. Jamie Mitchell, Group Sales Manager of the Hampton Convention and Visitors Bureau is looking for a volunteer to coordinate a possible woodworkers show for the Tidewater/Williamsburg area.

The feature presentation was given by Bret Lancaster on Table Saw and Table Saw Safety.

Following was a demonstration of the "Saw Stop" system, a safety system that stops a spinning saw blade if it comes into contact with flesh (i.e. a finger) within microseconds.

Ed Bunker, Membership Chairman, indicated that 63/64 membership dues were received. 16 new memberships were received. Ed reviewed the need for the questionnaire, which can be obtained on the TWWWG web site. He also indicated that this year's bill for \$426.95 for the web site maintenance is due. A quick motion was made, seconded, and passed by the members present to pay this bill.

Fred Olds questioned whether or not the guild has an IRS EIN number. The issue will be pursued.

Bob Malloy donated to the guild several lovely handcrafted mallets, made out of oak, to be used a gift to the main presenters in the future.

Show and Tell: several projects were shown:

Quaker chair – Bob Malloy

Bread board and cheese board – Pat Taylor

Fishing tackle box – Raymond Kurtz

Old Business:

The Toys for Tots project was most successful and engendered some favorable publicity for the guild. The article for the Virginia Pilot was not included in all of the area magazine supplements. The author did express her appreciation for those who had constructed the toys and agreed to be interviewed, were in fact present for the interview.

The Christmas party at the Great Steak restaurant was declared a success.

Mention was made of wood availability. Check the web site for specifics.

Ed Bunker again described how to enter the web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Submitted:

K.G. Craig
Secretary