

Metro Carvers of Michigan (MCM) Meeting Minutes Oct 18, 2022 REVISED 10/24/2022

Approximately 20 MCM members attended the meeting.

1. Newly elected Pres Don Shook called the meeting to order at 10 AM. A moment of silence was observed in honor of G. Paul Blanchard who recently passed away.
2. Pres Don advised the members of the need to elect a Board of Directors for MCM. John Sabina solicited five Board volunteers as follow, one (1) year term nominees, Pat Murphy, John Saarinen, Mike Murdock, two (2) year term nominees Fred Azelio and Pat Miller. Pres Don motioned to elect these nominees and the membership voted and approved them.
3. Pres Don stated that he will send out the future meeting notices and will attach a copy of the previous meeting minutes for all members to review prior to the next meeting. The prior month meeting minutes will be reviewed at each meeting and members will vote to accept or revise the minutes.
4. Tres John reported that the club is in good financial shape, with approximately 80 members.
5. Pres Don reported that the club showcase has been upgraded with a new electrical connection which was included with the Sr Center recent new lighting. Also, Dave Stirling, Sharon Hill, Pat Murphy and Don Shook, received pins for their carving that were added to the showcase. In addition, name cards were provided to the members to be used when their carving is added to the showcase. Pres Don requested members bring in new carvings each month to add to the showcase.
6. Tres John reported 62 people attended Carve Fest on Fri and 47 attended on Sat. The two day total of individuals for Fri and Sat was 76, 44 were MCM club members and 32 were from other carving clubs or drop-ins. Discussions are ongoing for a 2023 show. John, Dick Mann, the instructors, and volunteers were applauded for the success of the show.
7. Sharon Hill, 2023 Show Chairperson requested that members carve raffle and door prizes items for the 2023 show.
8. Pres Don made a motion to name the club showcase in honor of G. Paul Blanchard and add a plaque with his name to the case. The motion was approved. Pres Don requested members to carve eagle heads in order to fill recently received requests. Pres Don spoke with Denny, Lean On Me cane coordinator who agreed that our club could coordinate the cane program locally to fill the orders for family and friends.
9. Pres Don reported that he has been in contact with Paul's family and they have agreed to donate many of Paul's magazines, wood, and carvings to the club with all proceeds to be retained by the club.

10. Pres Don reminded members that there will be a blanket swap event at the Nov meeting, so be sure to bring items to swap.
11. SAVE THE DATE, the Sr Center holiday party will be held on Tues, Dec 6.
12. The Dec meeting will be held on Tues Dec 13 because the Sr Center will be closed for Holiday vacation the week of Dec 17.
13. SAVE THE DATE, MCM Metro Carvers show is scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at the Packard Proving Grounds on Van Dyke, Shelby Twp.
14. NEXT MCM MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY NOV 15 AT THE WASHINGTON SR CTR.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM

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