Hunt County Woodturners
Board Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2026

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church. A Zoom link was made available to our membership through email in advance by Howard Wellspring.

Club members Attending in Person: Bill Belitz*, Tim Littlefield*, Mark Spencer*, Howard Wellspring*, Joe Grimes*, Burt Andrew*, Billy Walker.
Club members Attending through Zoom: Terry Smith.
[Voting board members indicated *. A quorum of board members was in attendance.]
The Meeting was called to order at 5:33pm by HCW President, Bill Belitz.

Items of Business

- **Board Meeting minutes from October 1, 2026**

Joe Grimes made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 1, 2026, board meeting (as published on the website after board member review and changes). The motion was seconded by Mark Spencer. The motion passed.

- **Website/Technology (Howard Wellspring)**
    - Website traffic for October:
        - 107 total visitors, US 84, Singapore 13, China 4, Japan 3, South Korea 2, Germany 1.
    - During the last Board meeting, Bill suggested that having officer email addresses (by position, not individual name) on the website might be of value. Howard researched the costs and reported that 6 address subscriptions would cost approximately $460 annually. Considering the relatively limited need, the Board judged this action not worth the cost. This may be readdressed later if activity substantially picks up. In the meantime, Howard will monitor and forward messages as needed.
    - Howard has developed a list of AV equipment we no longer use or need, but that may be of value to others. As noted during SWAT, certain other clubs need upgrades. Howard will ask Brian Schrader to identify needy clubs, to extend the offer, and to explore delivery options.
- **Financial (Mark Spencer)** [Mark sent financials to the Board members on 11/3/2026.]
    - Mark presented: 1) a Financial Statement ending October 31, 2026, which includes the approved budget for 2026, and actuals for January through October, 2) the Check Register entries for October 2026, and 3) October Paypal transactions and EOM transfer to the checking account.
        - Overall club reserves, including the checking account balance, CD's, church deposit, and petty cash, come to $23,421.65.
        - October expense was greater than income by $739.94.
        - The most significant expenses: AV/Zoom, Quarterly challenge gift cards, Monthly meeting location costs.
        - The most significant income: Monthly raffle, payments for upcoming classes.
    - Mark noted that October's monthly raffle proceeds were the highest this year.
    - WUMC has not yet been paid for Christmas party room rent, usually paid by this time. Bill will check status with WUMC's Lauren Barta.
    - Mark will start accepting dues for 2027 during the November meeting.
- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops (Tim Littlefield / Ed Drake)** ***(discussed/tentative)***
    - Upcoming planned and proposed club meeting demos:
        - November: Donna Carmickle / Hollow forms (twisted box).
        - December: [Christmas Party will replace the monthly club meeting.]

- Open Shop locations (Note: Open shop 8am through noon, with mini-class at 9).
    - November: *MakerSpace in Rockwall /* Mini-class: Burt on "Blank to Blink: Turning a wooden eye."
    - December: [Open Shop is not held in December.]
- MakerSpace will most likely be ready for Open Shop in November, contingent on the status of their Certificate of Occupancy. MakerSpace management says that we will have a definite answer on Friday, 11/5. As a last-minute alternate, Ed Drake has offered his shop. Mark reminded us that for liability reasons MakerSpace will require us to use our own tools and equipment. During the visit we will have the opportunity to tour the facility.
- If MakerSpace is confirmed as our Open Shop location, Bill will coordinate the handling of coffee and donuts with Ruth.

- **Training**
    - George will hold a beginner class on "Holding Wood on the Lathe":
        - Half-day, Saturday, November 21, 8am through noon, in George's shop.
        - Intended for HCW members with a charge of $15 per student, payable to Mark.
        - Sign-up's are being accepted through the website or on sign-up sheets at Club meetings.
        - 12 students have signed up so far.
    - Joe will hold an intermediate class on "Offset Turning.":
        - One day, Saturday, December 5, in Joe Grimes' shop.
        - Class size 6 to 10, for HCW members + others if space is available. Cost is $50 per student.
        - Sign-up's are being accepted through the website or on sign-up sheets at Club meetings.
        - 2 students have signed up so far.
        - Instructors will be Joe Grimes (lead), Tim White, and Burt Andrew.
        - Joe will promote the Offset class during the upcoming club meeting and will have examples of the projects that will be featured.
- **Miscellaneous Business**
    - Our membership is currently 88, no change.
    - Ruth Meyer has confirmed that she will continue to serve as SWAT Director.
    - Burt met with Robert Webster to request another HCW membership drive Rockler's Garland store. With Robert's approval, Saturday, January 23, 2027, 10am – 3pm, was selected as a good date and time. The Board approved this event. Burt will contact Rockler to confirm and lock in the date.
    - Clayton Seleznoff, our new newsletter editor, has been working through the difficulties of transitioning the November newsletter from Publisher to Canva. Clayton's first version, for review and edits, was sent to Board members on 11/4.
    - The Board settled on nominees to be presented to the membership during the November meeting. During the meeting, per the Bylaws, Bill will present the candidates and will invite additional nominations from the floor. After any necessary resolution, the membership will vote/approve (by voice) the final candidates.
    - The Board discussed and recognized the need for additional outreach activities next year to promote the club and attract new members, possibly to include library displays (Greenville, Commerce, perhaps others), requesting assistance through the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, participation in local crafts markets (with the sale of woodturned items to offset booth costs).
    - Our last quarterly challenge for this year, due at the November club meeting, will feature turned Christmas or winter themed items that will be used as table decorations at the Christmas Party. These items will be awarded to selected attendees. We will need about 13 submissions for all the tables.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.