Hunt County Woodturners
Board Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2026

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church. The usual advance Zoom link was sent to the membership, though in Howard's absence, Mark established and managed the link during the meeting. No members attended through Zoom.

Club members Attending in Person: Bill Belitz*, Tim Littlefield*, Mark Spencer*, Ed Drake*, Burt Andrew*.
Club members Attending through Zoom: None.
[Voting board members indicated *. A quorum of board members was in attendance.]
The Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by HCW President, Bill Belitz.

Items of Business

- **Board Meeting minutes from September 3, 2026**

Ed Drake made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 3, 2026, board meeting (as published on the website after board member review and changes). The motion was seconded by Mark Spencer. The motion passed.

- **Financial (Mark Spencer)** [Mark sent financials to the Board members on 9/28/2026.]
    - Mark presented: 1) a Financial Statement ending September 30, 2026, which includes the approved budget for 2026, and actuals for January through September, and 2) the Check Register entries for September 2026.
        - Overall club reserves, including the checking account balance, CD's, church deposit, and petty cash, come to $24,161.59.
        - September income was greater than expenses by $308.32.
        - The most significant income: SWAT revenue at $1400; monthly raffle; membership dues.
        - The most significant expense: SWAT expense, at $1,275.
    - Mark noted especially good income from our monthly raffles and monthly apparel sales.
    - Howard purchased 2 monitors, cables, and miscellaneous parts at $720 to complete our AV upgrades. The total spent on AV upgrades this year comes to approximately $4,140, just under the board-approved $4200. (ref minutes from March and April 2026).
    - Mark initiated the 2027 budget cycle with a request for Board members to begin consideration of upcoming budget needs and changes. The budget will be discussed in the November meeting with plans to finalize and approve during the December meeting.
- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops (Tim Littlefield / Ed Drake)** ***(discussed/tentative)***
    - Upcoming planned and proposed club meeting demos:
        - October: John Holderman / Skew
        - November: *Donna Carmickle / Hollow forms (twisted box). Tim will confirm that Donna will do our November demo.*
        - Future: Tim White has offered to do a class on tool sharpening.
    - Open Shop locations (Note: Open shop 8am through noon, with mini-class at 9).
        - October: Howard Wellspring / Mini-class: Howard and Bill Belitz on "Label casting pens."
        - November: *MakerSpace in Rockwall /* Mini-class: Burt on "Blank to Blink: Turning a wooden eye."
        - Future: Tim Littlefield offered to do a mini-class on making wooden tulips and multi-layer roses.

- MakerSpace will most likely be ready for Open Shop in November. If not, Ed Drake has offered his shop as an alternative. Mark has informed us that MakerSpace will require us to use our own tools and equipment. During the visit we will have the opportunity to tour the facility.

- **Training (Joe Grimes was absent from this meeting)**
  - George has offered to host a "Holding Wood on the Lathe" class (ref. August minutes), pending Joe's approval. As proposed:
    - Half-day class on Saturday, November 21, 8am through noon, in George's shop.
    - Max 10 students due to space constraints. If interest exceeds 10, an additional class may be offered.
    - Intended for HCW members with a charge of $15 per student.
    - Burt will check with Joe for agreement and approval to proceed.
  - Joe queried the membership during the September meeting to assess training interests. The group expressed most interest in a class on offset turning.
- **Miscellaneous Business**
  - Our membership jumped to 88 last month with 6 new or re-joining members (Bill Kloepping, Charlie Tucker, Kristi Roberts, Jose Contreres, Andrew Littlefield, Gary & Carol Selby).
  - With MS Publisher now discontinued, Clayton Seleznoff has agreed to be our newsletter editor, using Canva, effective immediately (starting November edition) following Julie Livingston's multi-year term. Julie will work with Clayton during the transition, and beyond as needed.
  - Christmas Party:
    - The Christmas Planning Committee consists of Gene Wellspring, Deb Belitz, and Vicki Andrew. The Board discussed and approved gift cards for these individuals to express appreciation.
    - Christmas flyers will be made available to members during the October meeting.
    - For variety, the Board discussed supplementing the event with a small amount of live music. How or whether to include this will be left to the Christmas Planning Committee.
    - Bill stated that the Christmas Party Order of Ceremony would be the same as last year.
  - The Board discussed nominees for the following offices: President, Vice-president, Event Coordinator, and Training Coordinator. Per the Bylaws, board and floor nominees are to be presented to the general membership and elected during the November meeting.
    Partly to assist with recruiting Board member replacements and to better define roles, Burt encouraged development of elected officer job descriptions. The Secretary job description is essentially now complete and may be used as a guide for the others.
  - As in past years, the quarterly challenge, due at the November club meeting, will feature turned Christmas or winter themed items. Submissions will be used as table decorations at the Christmas Party and will be awarded to selected attendees.
  - Tim Littlefield suggested that new member Andrew Littlefield might consider helping the club with public relations.
  - This year's Woodturner of the Year will be discussed and selected during the November Board meeting. Bill asked Board members to consider worthy candidates in advance.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42pm.