The re-scheduled board meeting for the Georgia Association of Woodturners met at George’s on 1/21/2018 with a quorum in place and was called to order by President Charlie Levan. Attendees for the meeting included:

Charlie Levan  President
Jeff Barnes  Vice President / Programs
Steve Pritchard  Past President
Kim Muthersbough  Secretary
Carl Davis  Treasurer
John Stewart  At Large
James McClure  At Large
Elisabeth Ross  Symposium Chair

Absent:
Harry Saunders  Scholarships

Secretary’s Report

A motion to accept the Secretary’s Report for November was made by Jeff Barnes, and a second was made by John Stewart. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s Report from December by Steve Pritchard and it was seconded by John Stewart. Motion carried unanimously.

Business:

Charlie took an action item to send out a reminder that dues are delinquent after the February meeting.

Programs – Jeff Barnes

February – Frank Bowers
March – Jack Morris
April – Al Stirt  1 day hands on (Wed)
May – Ron Thomas
June – TBD
July – Dixie Biggs  1 day hands on (Wed)

Program Contingency – Jeff to look for a local backup demonstrator / demonstration if weather causes cancellation of demonstrator traveling a long distance

Dan Douthart suggested that Jeff reach out to Peachtree Woodworking about possibly holding a Saturday meeting in the future.
Symposium

Lyle Jamison has expressed interest in trying a video remote demo during the symposium. We’re going to check on timing with Symposium schedule and facilities. We’re not committed to spend more for it. Want Lyle to explain the process.

Majority of vendors are returning. Don Geiger will replace Connestoga. Suggestion that we start requiring a deposit from vendors so that they will commit earlier and not leave us hanging until the last minute.

Additions to the Symposium fee schedule – Saturday Only - $125/day with Banquet or $90 without Banquet. Spouse fee would be the same, youth still free. Saturday only attendees would NOT be eligible for the scholarship drawing.

Beads of Courage support: Discussion about making artistic tops to donate to a BOC fund raising event. Woodturning FUNdamentals has an issue on tops. Need to send out links to pictures/guidelines, etc. Also want to coordinate something with Childrens Healthcare of Atlanta. Beads of Courage tops would be for a future fund raiser (that they would have).

Friday program: Want to enhance the Symposium experience. Convention Center quote was $17.78 per person for meal, with an additional charge of $400 for banquet hall use. Offset by savings of not using Lecture Hall for a launch session (cancelled). Another $110 for a security officer would be required.

Program ideas / options for a Friday evening program were distributed on a handout, and they were discussed, along with the potential Friday schedule:
- Rotations end at 5:45
- Cash Bar start at 5:00 or 5:30 for 4 hours
- Dinner at 5:30 ‘til 6:30
- Session from 7:00 – 8:00

Further discussion on topics to be held next month.

The first demonstration session on Friday afternoon needs to include an additional 15 minutes for welcome and a coverage of logistics.

Friday evening would be set up as an additional option that would be paid for as part of registration.

Auctioneer – Think about options.
Turning for the Visually Impaired

Proposed budget for 2018 prepared by Steve Pritchard.

We have a contact with the Georgia Lighthouse for the Blind, but have not yet discussed their support details as of yet.

Good idea to document project related objectives and guidelines. Rasheda, Director of New View project, expressed a lot of interest in the program.

Steve Pritchard worked up a Proposed Budget, covering kits and other materials needed to support the program for 2018. The budget amount requested was $1046.00. A motion was made by Kim Muthersbough to approve the budget for the program; it was seconded by Jeff Barnes, and it was approved unanimously.

Software

Steve Pritchard brought up that some of the members that are supporting the club, like the Newsletter, do not have a copy of the software to do the support they have volunteered to do. He made a recommendation for economical sourcing and what software was needed. Per his suggestion, a motion was made by Kim Muthersbough to purchase a copy of MS Office Pro 2017 from Tech Soup at an estimated cost of $40.00, and a copy of Access for $15.00. Jeff Barnes seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Woodworking Show and American Craft Council Show

Sign up sheets have been created, but only a South Metro meeting was held due to weather issues. So, the sign ups have been minimal so far. Steve volunteered to put them out via e-mail, with the contact to be John Stewart. Need backup for sign up sheets at club meetings.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Stewart, and was seconded by Jeff Barnes. Motion carried unanimously.