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A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to submit for ponderence <u>ahead</u> of the next "Guild" meeting this proposed motion... that the "Guild" board refrain from making any donations to any "cause".

This proposed motion could or should possibly be a "Guild" policy. I think it should be.

Now, I believe that the board and committees should be given freedom in going about their business - more freedom than was exhibited at the December (board) meeting regarding the logo (the logo seems to be assuming the importance of a a god. Will we have to genuflect when it's finally erected?)

Anyway, to eliminate possible future division amongst the guild I think donating should be left up to the individual. It's politics and that <u>can</u> get messy- alot like the taxpayers paying taxes and goverment deciding where to spend it - we all don't agree. But <u>donating</u> isn't something that we <u>need</u> a governing body to do. It's something extra that they do if the governed allow or want it.

Also, be it Congress or the "Guild" board, they both are often the victims of pressure. For any number of reasons they might not really want to "help" the cause... but how would it look if they didn't vote to help. We all don't always have enough guts to say no when we want to. Thusly, having a policy of no "Guild" donations would eliminate possible railroading too. Secret ballots eliminate this but no one might suggest that it be a secret ballot for fear of giving indication that he/she was against the proposal.

I don't know how or who about the donation voted through the board in the past so I hope I didn't get anybody on the defense.

I just don't like the idea.

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THERE WILL BE NO JANUARY MEETING

The December meeting was held at the Metro industrial arts shop, chaired by Jim Brandt.

The presentation was a demonstration of the Makita plane by J.D. Pearce of Englewood Hardware, followed by a shop presentation by Bob of Metro.

Committee Reports

Logo Since members have voiced a desire to have input into the logo a vote was taken to see if in fact that is the case. Members voted to leave it to the committee to narrow it down to 2 or 3 choices on the final logo.

Show Members voted a preference for an April selling show at University Hills (better atmosphere than Villa) running the Thurs., Fri, Sat. and Sun. before Easter. It is assumed that everyone who participated in Villa will participate in University Hills unless they contact Bob Jorgensen (424-1505) and anyone who did not participate in Villa but wants to participate in University Hills should contact Bob.

Education The business workshop had 22 in attendance. Future

seminars and workshops depend upon input from members.

Tools/Materials The committee has regrouped to handle standing orders and calendar orders. Standing orders include Wetzler (Tom Vincent) and Greenlee (Jim Anderson). Calendar orders included taking Jorgensen at this meeting and distributing information on 3M. The committee is seeking input on sharpening experiences.

Elections

Nominated for Vice President were Ed Smith and Laurie Niederhauser. Elected was Ed Smith.

Dennis Kercher ran unopposed for Secretary and won approval.

A note on sales tax as investigated by Tony Brazzale... You should collect sales tax on tangible personal property (the State can collect retroactively if you get caught) but not on tangible real property. You instead pay sales tax on the materials used in constructing real property.

Announcement

Mat. and Tools Committee meeting, January 20th, at Tom Pearce's house. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Any want ads or letters to the editor must be submitted by the 20th to be in the mailing. They can be submitted to Michael Fales or Dennis Kercher.

Want Ads

Free give away - 2 - 3x10 work benches - heavy duty - call Ed Smith.

Wanted - to purchase - 20" planer - Dick Lohner - 4274517.