



The people in the picture are L to R Pam Witte 3rd Place, Darryl Cameron 2nd Place and in front 1st Place winner Jwnnette Trobec with her "Clarence" an 8" clown carved by Clarence Moe for the winner of the contest.

Following are the minutes of the Dec Meeting

CENTRAL MINNESOTA WOODCARVERS

by Pam Witte

The December 19, 2011 evening started with a holiday goodie potluck. Attendance was high and it was great to see so many of our carving friends. As the fellowship ended, president Bill called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm. The secretaries report was read and approved as printed in the Carvers News. The treasurer reports \$607.08 in the general fund, \$212.78 in the library fund and \$69.75 in the cookie fund. There was no library report tonight.

We started with the clown contest. Clarence Moe carved over 70 four inch clowns and members who participated in the contest bought a clown for \$3.00. One dollar going to Clarence, one dollar going to the club and one dollar going to the prize monies. Alice Larson agreed to be the judge and found choosing nearly impossible but after several agonizing minutes, she was able to pick three winners. Pam Witte took third place, Darryl Cameron took second place and Janette Trobec was the big winner receiving a clown carved by Clarence. The club benefited with \$45.00. So everyone was a winner. Pictures of the clowns and the winners will be posted on the clubs website this week. Thanks to Clarence for this fun fundraising activity and to his donation of the prize and his time.

Old business: 1) President Bill contacted the Benton County Ag. person in charge of the booth set-ups and found out that we can essentially "write our own ticket" with days, times, how many and what we do. We will get a 10 x 10 space to display, demonstrate and in general BS with the public. The fair will be held July 31 through August 5. A show of hands was requested and the general feeling was that we had enough to spend some quality time at the fair. Char suggested that we demonstrate during the "cooler" hours of the day and Pam suggested we concentrate on the Saturday and Sunday of the fair as we would have contact with more people. Fred said he and Elaine would participate but would be in Texas when the sign-up sheet went around. Bill stated he would sign them up and Pam stated she would place the offer in the minutes so there was no misunderstanding. 2) Sno-daze. Bob reports 56 people have signed up. The offer in the last newsletter still stands. Late comers can sign up without penalty but your name, etc will not be in the printed materials. 3) Show reports. We will have 2 10 x 10 spaces in the auditorium at the Armory. After discussion a motion was made to buy 1 additional 10 x 10 space at a cost of \$40.00 to the club. It was seconded and approved by the members. 3) Pam reported that the Debbe Edwards class is full. If you want your name on a waiting list in case of any cancellations. Contact Brenda Lodermeier. 4) Since the club did not do a big Holly Ball project this year and did the Clinging Crosses instead, member Alex Neussendorfer contacted the Holly Ball organizers and donated an acanthus mirror. Acanthus is Alex's specialty and his pieces are quite spectacular. This was a very generous donation on behalf of the club. Thanks so much Alex AND the piece made \$140.00 for the hospice. 5) A short discussion regarding the money gift for the cookie lady, resulted in Pam making a motion for the club to supplement the \$69.75 to make it an even \$75.00 gift. This was seconded and approved by the members.

No new business

The holiday gift exchange and a tremendous show and tell proves that our members are actively carving. What a great showing. Pictures of our monthly show and tell are on the club's website.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm with a reminder to the members that the January meeting is the FOURTH Monday due to the holiday.