



The DoveTale

November 2015

Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

Officers:

President Paul Magee, 658-8321
President elect Mark Underwood, 886-4283
Secretary Richard Hicks, 553-6157
Treasurer Waid Gauthier, 735-8392

Committees:

Newsletter Richard Hicks, 553-6157
Librarian Mark Underwood, 886-4283
Purchases Jerry Shivers, 794-2274
Membership Richard Hicks, 553-6157
Web Master Rob Emanuel, 729-9315
Programs Richard Hicks, 553-6157
Toy Project Richard Hicks, 553-6157

Members:	49	Present:	20	Visitors:	2
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Our Next Meeting will be Jan 25th

November 23rd Meeting

We held the November meeting at our regular meeting location, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont.

Business items included:

- Waid Gauthier - about \$1,580
- Richard Hicks - 49 members
- Toys - See Sam, Richard or Red for toy patterns and parts. Toys need to be complete by the November meeting.
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel - Web site is up to date
- Library - The club members present decided to renew the Woodsmith subscription for another year.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 25th, 2016 at our regular meeting facility, 1685 Ashley in Beaumont. The January program will be announced later.

Directions: Take the MLK exit on IH-10, go South on MLK and then turn West on Ashley. Go two blocks and you're there. The business meeting will start at 6:30 and the regular meeting starts at 7:00.

Safety Pause

Mark Underwood led a group discussion about general shop safety:

- Train family members to not enter the shop when they hear power tools running
- Have a safe path out of the shop if the lights go out
- Install emergency battery powered lights

Club Election

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 2015.

- Mark Underwood for president-elect
- Waid Gauthier for treasurer
- Richard Hicks for secretary

The nominated slate of officers was elected by a show of hands. President-elect Paul



Magee accepted the gavel from outgoing President Troy Gallier and he conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Troy, thank you for your leadership during 2015.

Renewals

Speaking of renewals, it's membership renewal time again. The renewal notices are in the mail and 32 members have already renewed. Our dues remain at \$24 for 2016 - a real bargain. You may also use a club gift certificate to pay your dues.

When you renew your membership, please take a few moments to share your thoughts about ways to improve our club along with ideas for programs for 2016.

Special Newsletter

Since we don't have a meeting in December, I normally don't publish a newsletter in January. This year I thought I would publish a special newsletter in January that was all about projects that members worked on, or finished up in December.

Did you build a project as a Christmas gift or a project for your woodworking shop? Or, did you get a new tool for Christmas? If you did, please send me (rhicks4@gt.rr.com) a photo of the completed project or tool, along with a brief write up.

Please send your items by January 10th so I'll have time to publish them before the January meeting.

VIP Magazine Article

Chelsea Henderson did an excellent job writing the article about our woodworking club with a focus on our toy project. The magazine sent a photographer to Richard's shop to take pictures of the "toy making elves" - unfortunately Red Dressel (one of our biggest toy makers) was unable to attend. We've had some positive feedback for the club.

Several copies of the VIP magazine are in the library and Richard sent an email link to the online version.

Toy Project

Richard Hicks briefly reviewed the various toys we made for our toy project this year.



Then we moved all the chairs out of the way and started sorting the toys into five groups to get them packaged for distribution to the five charities we support. We made 525 toys this year so each organization will get 105 toys.

Waid and Marla Gauthier delivered the toys to the Orange and Mid-County organizations, Sam Tobey delivered them to Silsbee, Richard Hicks delivered them to Lumberton, and Steve Brady delivered them to Beaumont. All of the feedback was very positive. They all commented on the quality of the toys and they especially liked the high chairs and cradles for the girls. The kind donation of a large quantity of 1 x 12 shelving material by Daniel Harris Construction Company made the construction of the high chairs and cradles possible this year.

Richard Hicks, Sam Toby and Red Dressel will manage the toy project for 2016. Contact Richard (409-553-6157) if you need patterns or supplies to build toys for 2016.