

NAWCC Chapter 21 Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2019

St. Michael's Church, 1400 University Blvd.

President's Message. *The Holidays are upon us! It's the time of the year for giving gifts and giving thanks. One of the greatest is the gift of our time to help pass along our interest and knowledge to others. In November we'll be doing our Annual Meeting, where we look at what we've been doing vs. our Mission Statement, and plan for next year. Several folks have some creative ideas for things we can be doing next year. Please attend our November meeting and let's put our heads together for an enjoyable evening. Looking forward to seeing you on the 25th! --Ken Reindel*

Meeting Minutes. President Ken Reindel called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Community Updates: On November 2, the bell tower clock at East High School was adjusted. Members were invited to help in the maintenance of the early vintage Howard Movement.

Dave Fornof reported on the Pumpkin Pie Day Antique Show. It was a huge success! Antique shows and other weekend events may have the potential for marketing the Chapter and clocks in general. It was an enjoyable day with Mike Korn, Carlo Borsi, Pat McGuire, and Tim Orr staffing the event. "Many folks walking by the table shared stories of clocks they remembered, stories of parents and grandparent's homes while growing up and the memories seeing clocks triggered in their minds. Folks had no idea that there was an organization that supported the collection, repair, restoration and education of antique clocks." A few repair appointments were generated. Next year, anyone wanting to market repair work should have their business cards available for distribution. Over 3500 people attend this two-day show.

Encouraging Interest in Horology: An article in the September/October Watch and Clock Bulletin was mentioned. The article was relevant to our discussions about finding ways to promote horology to youth. Basically, it was a gift-giving program where a clock was given to an interested teen, resulting in further interest in clock repair and collecting. Is this something our Chapter might want to try? Do we have contacts in local schools or youth programs? Perhaps we can discuss more at the Annual Meeting in November.

Terry Jones' idea to restore the D&F Tower Clock on the 16th Street Mall was raised; more consideration to come.

Scholarship Fund: Dick Shelton introduced Bill Barrett, the winner of the 2019 scholarship award. Bill thanked the Chapter for the recognition and shared his interest, and that of his wife's, in community work.

Twelve participants attended last weekend's hands-on Basic Case Restoration workshop (pictured below). Shellac, Lacquer, and Glazing were covered. Three workshops, possibly

four, are scheduled for next year depending on the availability of the classroom at Emily Griffith. The sessions have been well received and generated income for the scholarship fund.

Tim Orr provided an update about the National office. Nationally, the 3% decline in membership is an improvement over the 6% decline experienced in the previous year. Further, the *online message board* is very active among membership, a valuable resource worthy of everyone's attention.

Paul Wegener critiqued a book published in 1984, "The Complete Guide to American Pocket Watches", by Cooksey Shugart and Tom Engle. He also quizzed us on the history of the Westminster Chime Melody. Paul informed us that George Frederic Handel, famous composer and musician, actually wrote it originally as a prayer.

Several members presented clocks and other horological items during the Show and Tell session. Mike Glove brought his collection of unique clock winding stems, Tim Orr, Jack Wood, and Solly Zitron also presented favorite and interesting items.

Dave Cooper presented the Monthly Program. The topic was the Star of David clock. It was manufactured in the late 1600s. The informative and well-received presentation included an analysis of the transitional hairspring in timepieces of that period. Thank you, Dave Cooper.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.
David Gies, Secretary

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