

*News from the shed coordinators*

**Jay Parr – Treasurer**

- #1. Financial Statement prepared [available at the bottom of this page.]
- #2. Current bank balance is **\$1,280**. **\$80** will go for monthly liability insurance, later this week
- #3. Fixed expenses, bank fees and insurance (**\$80/mo.**); Internet **\$100/yr**; Appleton propane \$1500/yr\*
- \*[ed. Neil Mc. mentions turning down the thermostat when last person leaves. I may still have a programmable thermostat which may work for us]*
- #4. Having the "Cookie Jar" beside the coffee pot in recent months has provided **\$30-\$40** per meeting. A similar thing at the breakfasts would likely provide **\$20**
- #5. Monthly dues have been discussed several times. The shed should have a sustainable income.

**Nick Fry – Webmaster**

I continue to work on the website. It is a joy and a challenge rolled into one. I hope to start to make small but significant improvements to the site. I have been looking at other sites and what they are doing that we can also do. [<https://www.naismithmensshed.ca>>]

**Neil McBride – Shop Project Coordinator**

Food Bank renovation completed by members contributing 5.5 days of labour.

Possible partnership with the Friends of the Mississippi Mills Library. We construct various items such as bird houses, feeders, bat houses, Christmas ornaments which are in turn sold by the Friends and they give us a portion of the sales.

Construct lumber rack at Roger Stone's property to store donated wood. Roger has all the necessary wood, we would need to purchase the nuts and bolts as well as 2 very large tarps to cover the structure. *[ed. Roger is working with Bob D. To acquire a 30' flat bed trailer base]*

Engage with the CWF federation to see if we can obtain another contract for bat houses.

**Appleton shop**

Heating system - I think we have to consider turning the heater to the pilot light setting at the end of each day to reduce the costs. Not effective or affordable to keep heating an empty shop.

Help Laurie fix the leaks in the roof around the sky lights.

Build a better system for the router. We need a outside switch and router lift. Not everyone can bend down. We should construct a filter system for the router.

Replacement motor for the Jointer. Expand the dust collection system down to the lathe. If we can't find the proper parts for the bowl lathe would recommend disposal.

Consider that the shop users have nominal fee to offset expenses. The club cannot afford to support the shop for the small amount of users even though the shop generates 99% of the revenue.

Future projects/thoughts

- design a smaller lighter bat house for the CWF to sell [ed. perhaps less expensive supplies]
- set up training sessions in the shop for those who want to learn. We have failed in that area. We need to get more people interested.

*[ed. other projects/thoughts were listed however will be covered by another coordinator.]*

**Ron Lavoie – Shop Coordinator**

Bill Rawson and I were working on folding tables for future sales- and possibly Friends of the Library fundraiser. We also have a few slabs that we would like to convert to tables. I have received my CNC machine and am busy putting it together. It could be helpful for signs etc. in the future.

**Doug Johnson – Social Coordinator**

Some of the things that we were planning to do were...

1. Organize a tour of the truck museum in Athens.
2. We had discussed doing walks along some trails.
3. Last year we arranged to do a trip to Purdon Conservation area for the bloom of the Orchids.
4. I want to organize a sharing day where members would share one or two of their passions.
5. One of the Hackberry Shed members is an excellent restoration artist. He has and is restoring old railway cars. Very interesting. I know he would really love to have some of the fellows join him and he would gladly teach them the skills.

**John Peters – Membership Coordinator**

*[ed. John sent me a detailed list which we can work on once back to meetings. I have edited it.]*

*[ed. Membership is a bit fluid]* however it appears 42/68 are regular supporters. The balance are either occasional visitors or came a few times to breakfasts and have not been seen since. There are also some I do not know and appeared when I was away.

*[ed. I also asked John to manage a Members/Family Sickness List so that we can stay in touch.]*