

American Association of Woodturners
WIT Committee Telephone Conference
Tuesday September 25, 2018 4:00 P.M. PST

The meeting convened at 4pm PDT. Participants by phone: Elizabeth Amigo, Dixie Biggs, Kathleen Duncan, Linda Ferber, Jean LeGwin, and Andi Wolf. Absent: Sally Ault

Updates: The number of liaisons remains at 59. Now that the EXCHANGE is over, we need to focus on liaisons. Kathleen will draft the next letter to be sent to the liaisons.

Proposed WIT budget: The proposed 2019 budget was accepted with no modifications.

EXCHANGE: Survey response was quite good. We had 19 written, 2 email, and 9 online. Overall comments were positive.

- The two biggest problems were the Friday group set ups and the facilitators spending meal times together. Kathleen has an algorithm that can be used to set up groups. Aviva also volunteered to write a program to assign groups.
- In the future, facilitators may need to have a breakfast meeting, but should split up for other meals. Breakfast meetings will be announced to dispel the perception of being cliquish.
- Opening reception could be more social in the future.
- More emphasis can be placed on porch time for winding down.
- We discussed having a hands-on day and agreed that is not what the EXCHANGE is about.
- We need to stress the extrovert/introvert every day.
- For group reports, the whole group should stand and participate in the report. Need to have groups discuss how they solved problems.
- There were problems for some people uploading pictures. A dropbox crib-sheet would help.
- Over all it was a huge success.

Lessons learned

- Need emergency contact information for every participant and facilitator.
- We may need to ask if there are medical conditions of which we should be aware.
- Need procedure to handle MIA's
- Everyone's phone number should be available for emergencies and to talk to other group members outside of studio time.
- Add areas of expertise to registration questionnaire. Ask "Are you a leader?"
- WIT should have an on-going supply box including sandpaper, paints, Pinot Grigio, etc. Dixie has started one.
- Map of where things are in the shops would be good.
- Mobility impaired might be advised to stay in Staff House.
- Add more words; don't reuse the same words all three days.

Repeat? Yes! The next one should be easier since we done this one. Kathleen will contact Arrowmont for available dates. This Spring is probably too soon to do it again.

Newsletter: The focus of the next newsletter will be kitchen ware. Linda will send a 100-page paper she has put together on the topic.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 1st.

The meeting concluded about 4:55 pm Pacific Time.

Kathleen Duncan
WIT Committee Chair