

Newcomers of Catawba Valley Board Meeting  
January 27, 2016

The board meeting was called to order at 10:05 am at the Patrick Beaver Library. In attendance were Dianne Straley, Vince LeGrand, Bob Jones, Joe Pausa, John Bates, Barb Beck, Michele LeGrand, Adra Kryszczuk, Bob Wolgemuth, Pam Wagoner, Carol Hoover, Brian Hoover, and Pam Moody. The minutes of the December board meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Adra and a second by Bob W.

Vince gave the treasurer's report and told us that the starting balance as of January 1 was \$2578.86. Income for dues, advertising and miscellaneous was \$920.00. Expenses for hospitality, socials, and advertising came to \$29.22. That left an ending balance of \$3469.64 as of January 27. We have recently had two ads that have been renewed and we have 32 paid memberships for the 2016-2017 fiscal year not counting the ones that Vince received today. We are still waiting to receive the bill from the attorney for the incorporation.

John discussed the rotation for the charities and presented us a spreadsheet with the details. This calendar year, quarterly charities will be the Humane Society, Hickory Soup Kitchen, Women's Resource Center, and Cops for Tots. End of the year charities are: Imagination Library, Bethlehem Food Pantry, and the Hickory Soup Kitchen. Vince made a motion to approve the rotation of charities per John's spreadsheet and Bob J. seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously. John and Beverly Forest will no longer be handling the charities starting in April, so we need to find several people willing to take this over. Several suggestions were made.

Dianne provided a list of the slate of officers for board approval. Nominated are: Carol Hoover, president, Monty Matthews, vice-president, Vince LeGrand, treasurer, Pam Moody, secretary, and Dianne Straley, past president. Nominated for directors are: John Bates, Adra Kryszczuk, Shari Kidd, and Bob Jones. Bob J. made a motion to approve the slate and that was seconded by Adra. The motion passed unanimously. Dianne reminded officers who are leaving their positions that a written job description should be created for the position because that will be extremely helpful for the next person in that position. A joint meeting of old and new officers and directors will be held at the Garden of Eatin' on March 23 at 11:00 am. The club will pay for the lunches.

A discussion was held regarding scanning of old scrapbook pages to create a digital file of all the scrapbooks. After realizing how labor-intensive this would be, the group decided not to do this.

Brian talked about the work he has been doing on the website. Suggestions by board members have been sent to him and he made a number of minor changes to the site. He told us that all members will have to create their own passwords. The directory will only be available to Newcomer members and members have the option to add more information to their own directory entry. Logos for advertisers will be linked to the advertisers' websites. Press releases such as the ones that John has been creating can be posted on the website. Member photos will probably be on the part of the website where a password is necessary. Brian will be sending out an email to all members very soon as the website is almost ready to go live. The board thanked Brian for all his hard work!

Vince brought some suggestions from Jordan Faulkner, our attorney, regarding by-law changes that should be considered. The board discussed indemnification of board members, one of the suggestions, and decided not to do it at this time. Two other suggestions from Jordan will be discussed at a future board meeting and the board felt these changes would be easy to add to our by-laws.

Under new business, Bob J. told the board that a Newcomer member had concerns about another member who sometimes has a stun gun in his/her possession at the airport. After some discussion, the board felt that this concern should be brought to the management at the airport by the concerned member since guns are not allowed at the airport. This is not an area where the Newcomer board should become involved.

Dianne discussed having Randall Jones come to speak again at the courthouse in Newton. She found out that Small Claims Court is in session every Wednesday at the courthouse unless it is a holiday as it was when he spoke there on Veterans Day. The group decided that perhaps another venue could be found that would accommodate a larger group than the airport can hold.

Dianne told us that 35 people are signed up to attend the January 29 semi-potluck. A chili cook-off and trivia night is scheduled for February 27.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted:  
Barb Beck  
Secretary