

Newcomers of Catawba Valley Board Meeting  
September 28, 2016

The board meeting was called to order by Carol Hoover at 10:00 am at the Patrick Beaver Library. In attendance were Carol Hoover, Dianne Straley, Vince LeGrand, Bob Jones, Adra Kryszczuk, John Bates, Shari Kidd, Michele LeGrand and Brian Hoover. The minutes of the August board meeting were amended to indicate the attendance of Brian Hoover and approved as amended after a motion by Bob Jones seconded by Vince LeGrand.

Carol announced that Pam Moody has resigned as Secretary and asked for volunteers to cover minutes at the succeeding general and board meetings. Dianne Straley volunteered to cover the general meetings and Adra Kryszczuk the board meetings, however, it was agreed that a request should be posted in the newsletter and at the next general meeting for a volunteer to replace the secretary position until such time as there is an election. Susan Reese has agreed to produce the newsletter through March of 2017.

Additionally, our Vice President, Monty Matthews, has had to step down from his position due to health considerations. Joe Paussa has been approached to take his position through March of 2017 and he has agreed to do so. John Bates made a motion to accept Joe in this position seconded by Dianne Straley. The motion passed without dissent.

Vince gave the treasurer's report and told us that the starting balance as of August 1 was \$3,495.71. Income from dues and the 50/50 raffle was \$161.00. Expenses were \$118.54 which left an ending balance of \$3,538.17. A donation of \$100.00 culminating the end of the quarter for the Women's Resource Center was given to Dianne to deliver.

Carol brought up the point that a member had questioned the \$3,000 plus balance in the club's treasury. Vince will compose a paragraph for the December newsletter to be read at the November general meeting highlighting that we are NOT a charitable organization but a social organization.

The start time of the general meeting was discussed and it was decided to have the meeting begin at 10:30 a.m. with coffee and socialization followed at 10:45 with the business and speaker. A motion to that effect was made by Dianne Straley and seconded by Bob Jones. The motion carried without dissent.

Following this discussion, edits were made to the business card and rack cards and John Bates will contact Kathy Rozea to get our VistaPrint account and reorder/order new thank-you cards, rate cards and business cards.

A discussion ensued regarding member's options regarding email use - specifically how to keep unauthorized emails from going out. The general consensus is that there have actually been very few and for the time being we will just leave it as it is. Members do have the option to select how they receive club emails and perhaps that needs to be addressed in a future newsletter article.

Carol noted that there have been 39 new members in 22 households over the past year. She has asked the board in specific for help in keeping the new members connected with the club by reaching out and using a 'buddy system.'

The board took another look at the Member List Rules and several edits and rewordings were suggested and incorporated, including the deletion of item number 6 which was contradictory to other items. Brian will make the revisions on the website. Carol made a motion that Newcomers *will not* promote church sponsored activities but Newcomers *will* support church sponsored charities. The motion was seconded by Jon Bates and passed without dissent.

Carol had received a letter from the Easter Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry asking for a partnership with Newcomers. She will inform them that we are not a service organization, but a social club and that we will let our members know that ECCCM is looking for volunteers.

The next general meeting is Wednesday October 12 at 10:30 a.m. Crosswinds Café  
\*smoked food!

The next board meeting is Wednesday, October 26 at 10 a.m. Patrick Beaver Library  
\*update to information on web about dues

Respectfully submitted,

Adra Kryszczuk