

Newcomers of Catawba Valley Board Meeting
November 16, 2016

The board meeting was called to order by Carol Hoover at 10:05 a.m. at the Patrick Beaver Library. In attendance were Carol Hoover, Dianne Straley, Vince LeGrand, Bob Jones, Adra Kryszczuk, John Bates, Shari Kidd, Joe Paussa and Michele LeGrand. The minutes of the October board meeting were approved by a motion from Dianne Straley seconded by Bob Jones.

Carol passed around cards to be signed for three members; Charlotte Wronek who is in rehab for health concerns, Bob Dennis who is recovering from hip surgery and Kris Bowman who suffered a heart attack while on vacation and is recovering.

Vince gave the treasurer's report and told us that the starting balance as of November 1 was \$3,560.51. Income from dues and the 50/50 raffle was \$143.00. Expenses were \$64.11 which left an ending balance of \$4,169.75. There was additional income of \$600 in payments for the Holiday Party and expenses toward the quarterly charity and the Holiday Party. Vince reported that there were three new members; Hall, Winslow and Demarest.

Vince noted that the final payment for the Murder Mystery Company is due December 7th and the Crowne Plaza requires their final payment on December 6th. Carol had asked Vince to do some projections to our budget based on proposed future events and Vince reported that his projections show a balance of \$3,000+ even if all of the projected events happen.

The cost of the Holiday Party for non-members was raised. Joe quoted the By-Laws statement of allowing non-members to attend events for a period of one month and presented a motion which he subsequently withdrew. Following further discussion, Adra made a motion that for any subsidized events, members would pay the rates listed and guests would pay non-reduced rates. The motion was seconded by John Bates and passed without dissent.

The subject of speaker payments when the program speaker at a General Meeting represents a charity other than one of those on our currently recognized and supported list was brought forward. John Bates made a motion, seconded by Adra, that a payment of \$50 would be made to that qualified charity. The motion was passed without dissent.

John Bates' efforts with local printers were less than fruitful in that the pricing proved to far exceed the expense cap allowed at the October meeting. Adra went back to Kathy Rozea and with a little more digging they were able to find an account at VistaPrint. Adra reported that they had been able to recreate the letterhead, business card and note card and all could be printed in needed quantities for under \$100. Following discussion, Carol made a motion, seconded by Joe that Adra should proceed with ordering 250 business cards amended with corrections from John Bates and 40 note cards. John would order 1,000 rack cards from Allegra Printing. The motion passed without dissent. It was decided to order small from VistaPrint (250 / 40 vs 500 / 50) because a contest will be initiated to design a new logo for Newcomers to get around copyright issues John ran into with his reprint inquiries. The person who designs the winning graphic will be awarded a one year membership and authorship for the design.

Bob Jones reported that the poll of the regular attendees at the November game was to move Dominoes to the airport and take on the format of Game Night. Shari will loan her games and rotations for the next couple of months to get a sense of what the needs will be then Bob will put in a requisition for supplies. Bob has spoken with David Clark who has approved our adding another storage cabinet and moving both into the old ticket office. Adra will research prices and purchase a potentially larger matching (if possible) cabinet and lock.

Carol talked about her desire to recognize all members who have been volunteers with a year-end event that would include thank you gifts. To date, her list includes 67 individuals. She also mentioned that Greg Conrad is interested in hosting an event in January at Ole Still that he's calling 'The Big Chill Party.' This event would require a \$200 room rental and feature a buffet for an undetermined price with cash bar. Carol will have Greg make sure that all food charges include tax and gratuity and find out what their cancellation policy is in the event of inclement weather. She made a motion to ask that the \$200 room rental fee be covered by expenses, seconded by Bob Jones. The motion passed without dissent.

John Bates asked Carol to see if the airport will install a projection screen on the solid wall.

Carol went over the current status of the Board and polled those present as to their willingness to continue to serve. With the exception of John Bates, all will remain. Carol will endeavour to put together a nominating committee from the general membership.

The board reviewed, edited and agreed to edits to the membership information page on the NCV web site. In the updated information the dues remain the same with expanded descriptions for 2017. The changes will be uploaded to the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Adra Kryszczuk

Acting Secretary