

Newcomers of Catawba Valley Board Meeting
December 14, 2016
Minutes

The board meeting was called to order by Carol Hoover at 12:38 p.m. at the Hickory Regional Airport. 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 November board meeting were approved by a motion from Bob Jones seconded by Vince LeGrand.

Vince gave the treasurer's report noting that the starting balance as of December 1 was \$4,049.09. Income from advertising was \$35.00. Expenses were \$912.84, the majority going to the Holiday Party, which left an ending balance of \$3,171.25. There was additional income of \$460 in payments for the Big Chill in January and another check of \$25 will be cut for CCM as it had been previously agreed that \$50 would be paid to speakers from qualified charities from those other than on our currently recognized and supported list. Vince reported that there was one new member, Richard Wagman.

Vince noted that the final payment of \$1,387.44 for the Murder Mystery Company was made to Crowne Plaza covering 104 attendees - 13 tables.

Carol reported that she has successfully recruited a nominating committee: Greg and Martha Conrad, Carol Parker and Naomi East. She will provide them with the list of vacancies and let them know that it is a goal to have at least one single (non-married) member on the Board. There is a need to verify that the persons who are currently serving as Historian and head of Members Helping Members are willing to continue in their positions; there is a need to replace the Board secretary - preferably with one person - and the Publicity person. The Daytime Canasta group is also in need of one additional team member as Margaret Clayton is resigning to take care of family matters.

Carol reported on communications from single members Millie Kaufman and Francine Gissy who expressed interest in forming a singles group. Carol will lead them to a 'New Friends Meet-up' working to make it a little more inclusive and involve newer members be they single or not. Shari Kidd suggested a wine and cheese meet and greet at the airport but the location was deemed inappropriate as it is overused. Denise Bukovan has suggested that we do something at Wine and Design, one of our sponsors.

Greg Conrad has worked with Ole Still and managed to get them to waive the room fee. They will offer appetizers, salad, four entrees, dessert and beverage (non-alcoholic) for \$20 per person, inclusive (tax and tip included). The date is Saturday, January 28, 2017 with a rain date of Saturday, February 4, 2017.

Tina Stewart has offered to hold a DIY craft workshop for members. Dianne Straley will follow-up with her to determine the feasibility and to make sure there is no conflict with the By-Laws.

Denise Bukovan is interested in having Ballroom Dancing lessons for the club. Local dance instructor, Randy Cook from All American Dance Studio is willing to work with us. Adra Kryszczuk will follow-up with Denise.

Christine Almeida put forth a proposal to run another Murder Mystery dinner in conjunction with the Hickory Community Theatre in the second quarter of next year. John Bates will follow-up with Christine.

Susan Turner has brought up the idea of getting a group together to go to Charlotte to participate in Improv workshops. Dianne Straley will follow up with her.

Christine Beckom needs support for a February Factory Tour of Hickory Chair - getting the information out to members. Adra will help her with that effort.

The other proposed February event is the States Dinner/Poker Run scheduled for Saturday, February 25th. Shari will get information out on that. Joe Paussa will get with her to get cards distributed to various locations.

Dianne Straley reported back about the Governors' Residence; it is available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for \$125. There's a huge patio and a large great room. Food can only be catered in. Transportation would / could be a problem. Dianne will check into charters.

The proposal to update the membership dues information on the website was discussed. Adra made a motion that there be no change to the current dues structure which was seconded by Vince and passed with no dissention. It was noted, however, that as membership increases, dues may have to increase to cover costs, especially with subsidies and larger venues accommodating larger numbers of people.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Adra Kryszczuk
Acting Secretary