

Newcomers of Catawba Valley minutes

Jan. 25, 2017

Present: Carol Hoover, Joe Paussa, Vince LeGrand, Shari Kidd, Bob Jones, Dianne Straley and visitor Michele LeGrand. Absent: John Bates and Adra Kryszczuk.

President Carol Hoover called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Minutes from Dec. 28, 2016, were unanimously approved on a motion by Bob Jones and seconded by Joe Paussa.

Treasurer Vince LeGrand reported the club began the year with a balance of \$2,926.62 and had income of \$199, of which \$155 was from membership dues. We have one new member and four renewals. Expenses totaled \$523.95. Balance as of Jan. 25, 2017: \$3,649.57

Vince will present the proposed 2017 budget at the Feb. 15 board meeting. The board will meet the third Wednesday in February rather than the usual fourth Wednesday.

Carol asked Vince to write an item for the February newsletter to remind members that dues are now being collected. Renewals cost \$25 if paid by March 31 and \$30 if paid April 1 or later. He also will email the membership with the reminder.

Carol received a suggestion that the board consider adding Family Care Center to our list of charities. Joe will research the organization. Carol also asked Joe to send information about the current quarterly charity, the Corner Table in Newton, to Susan Reese for the February newsletter.

Carol asked Vince if the current budget has money set aside for use by activity leaders for material or socials. Vince said the budget has money for activities but activity leaders should contact the board before spending money, not after. Carol asked Vince to send a statement to each activity leader to let them know we need an estimate from them on their financial needs so we can prepare the new budget. The info will be on the Feb. 15 agenda.

Shari Kidd announced a States Dinner on Friday, Feb. 24. The dinner will be a potluck, with members asked to bring dishes that reflect their home state. Crosswinds Cafe will provide ice tea, coffee and desserts for \$75. Shari will receive \$20 for decorations.

We will play bingo and poker and maybe have a pinochle lessons from the Yokums. Joe is in charge of poker, which will be played in the airport's main dining room, along with pinochle. Kathy Rozea is in charge of bingo, which will be played in the lobby on long tables. The board agreed that players can buy 12 bingo sheets for \$5, with that money going toward prizes. Kathy was authorized to spend \$15 to buy more bingo sheets, and \$25 if necessary to buy dabbers so players can mark their bingo cards. Bob Jones will bring the balance of the club's bingo sheets to the game.

Members may take part in a month-long Poker Run, which begins Feb. 1 and ends at the States Dinner

on Feb. 24. Activity leaders will distribute one playing card to each member at that event and members will turn in their playing cards at the States Dinner. Those with the best poker hand will win a prize, which will total \$50. The winner must be present at the States Dinner to win. Carol distributed packs of old playing cards that were marked. The packs go to activity leaders.

The club will spend about \$185 on the States Dinner, including money for desserts, decorating, bingo supplies and the Poker Run prizes.

Shari needs help decorating and needs to borrow power strips and warmers for the food. Dianne will write up an announcement for the States Dinner, which Shari will email to the membership.

Carol updated board members on an effective way to send emails that should reduce the number of people who use REPLY ALL by mistake. If we are sending emails to the entire membership, we should address the email to our self, then add ncvmembers@googlegroups.com in the line for blind copy. Add the usual subject line.

When members reply, their reply will only go to one person – the original sender.

Carol says the membership application form and the website will be updated to eliminate the word Box from our mailing address.

Members unanimously accepted the following names for candidates for the board in 2017:

Carol Hoover, president
Joe Paussa, vice president
* Francine Gissy, secretary
Vince LeGrand, treasurer
Dianne Straley, past president
Bob Jones, director
Shari Kidd, director
Adra Kryszczuk, director
* Denise Bukovan, director.

Dianne will send the list to Susan Reese for the February newsletter and they will be read to the membership at the Feb. 8 meeting. Members can nominate other persons to the board and the vote will be held at the March 8 monthly meeting.

Susan Reese has agreed to continue preparing the newsletter, Denise will handle the marketing work that has been done by John Bates, who is leaving the board.

Martha Conrad will continue to lead daytime canasta, with help from Hedy Paussa, Brian Hoover and Carol Parker. Martha will look for a new canasta leader for 2018.

Carol says a future agenda will include whether there continues to be a need for Members Helping Members, since much of the work is done behind the scenes. We will also discuss the historian position.

Carol suggested initiatives for next year will be the future of Members Helping Members and how to involve our newest members in the club.

Dianne will write a newsletter article about our new logo contest.

The board voted unanimously on a new games schedule in order to relieve pressure on daytime canasta and to have more daytime activities. One Game Night will be moved to daytime. The new schedule is:

First Tuesday: Dominoes. Run by Bob and Maureen Jones, dinner is \$7.

Second Thursday: Game Day. Run by Shari Kidd, lunch is \$10.

Third Wednesday: Game Night. Run by Shari Kidd, dinner is \$7.

Fourth Thursday: Day Canasta. Run by Martha Conrad, lunch is \$10.

The new schedule will begin in March. Shari Kidd will coordinate with Teresa of Crosswinds.

The next board meeting is Feb. 15.

The board meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Dianne Straley, acting secretary.