

Newcomers of Catawba Valley Board Meeting  
February 15, 2017  
Minutes

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

Vince gave the treasurer's report noting that the starting balance as of February 1 was \$2,414.57. Income from dues and other was \$458.00. Expenses were \$73.59, which left an ending balance of \$2,798.98. Of the expenses was a \$50.00 check to the American Chestnut Society. Vince reported that membership renewals have been slow coming in. Carol asked that he send out an email reminding members about the \$5.00 discount to renew before April 1<sup>st</sup>. Vince estimates that there will be 10-15 non-renewals.

Discussion ensued regarding charitable donations and it was agreed that the monetary donations could be boosted from \$200 to \$250 per charity because the 50-50 collections have been greater this fiscal year. Dianne Straley proposed a \$100 donation to the Patrick Beaver Library for the use of the conference room and Adra Kryszczuk made a motion to make that donation seconded by Dianne Straley. Motion passed without dissent.

Vince reviewed the proposed FYE 2018 Budget. The major changes are the increased dues income to reflect the increase in membership, reduction of Hospitality budget based on reduced expenditures in prior year and increase of Donations based on distributions to qualified speakers and charities.

While we were talking money, John Bates noted that he was picking up the 1,000 new rack cards printed by Allegra printing (\$172.00) and four new holders. He asked that we try to retrieve the four that are out there and replace the cards and the contact information on those holders.

Adra Kryszczuk presented a proposal to purchase two name badge holders that would, hopefully, alleviate some of the issues members are currently having finding their badges at events. The cost is approximately \$32.00 plus \$9.00 shipping each. Carol Hoover made a motion to approve the purchase seconded by John Bates. Motion passed without dissent.

The revised Games Nights and Day Schedules were reviewed and the reason for the second game night was explained. With some exceptions, Games Nights will be the second Wednesdays and fourth Mondays, Day Games will be the second Thursdays and Canasta & Lunch will be the fourth Thursdays. Dominoes will remain at the first Tuesday evenings. Dominoes and Games Nights will continue with the current food format of a meal by Crosswind Café and desserts by players; Canasta & Lunch will have meal and desserts provided by Crosswind Café and Day Games will work with a light lunch format provided by Crosswinds Café and forego desserts.

Carol Hoover noted that there is a need for 60 decks of plastic cards for all of the games played at the airport. Adra volunteered to do research and made a motion to be allowed a budget of up to \$150.00 to purchase same which was seconded by Dianne Straley. Motion passed without dissent. Shari Kidd noted that Vince and Michele LeGrand would be going to Florida soon and that he had found nice wooden Domino racks at a flea market while there in the past. She asked him to pick up 16-20 more if he could find them again. Carol Hoover made a motion to approve the purchase seconded by John Bates. Motion passed without dissent.

Adra Kryszczuk presented a receipt for two folding card tables purchased last year. Those tables have now been turned over to NCV for use at the airport, so except for \$15 already paid to Adra, Vince has paid the balance in reimbursement. Some discussion ensued regarding the safety of our equipment at the airport. Both cabinets are bolted to the wall and the tables are clearly marked "Newcomers."

Carol remarked that the airport has repaired the two broken tables and has provided us with a really nice white board that they will install. Vince noted that we may want to get some white fabric for use when projecting instead of using the white board.

The States Dinner on February 24<sup>th</sup> was reviewed. Shari has 28 signed up and is planning on 45-50 attendees with Crosswind Café providing a tossed salad, beverages and some desserts. Shari noted that she will need warmers and power strips. Bob Jones will NOT be available for Bingo as Maureen is too ill, however, Kathy Rozea has indicated that she and Mike will be able to handle the Bingo and she and Bob have communicated. Joe and Zig have worked out the details for Poker games and prizes. There are still plenty of opportunities for cards to be given out before the event. Shari will send another email.

It was mentioned that all new volunteers need to be informed about NOT purchasing supplies. The club has an ample stock of product on hand stored by the Jones' and in the storage cabinets at the airport.

Carol reviewed all upcoming events. The St. Patrick's Day Party is cancelled because Kathy Rozea is undergoing chemotherapy. Carol will work with Louise Judd to make sure there is an email and Newsletter article for the Mug House trip; Adra will work with Teena Stewart on the Greenville SC trip.

Carol will provide printed lists of all activities for this year and the past year for the March general meeting for feedback.

Vince asked for the list of charitable donation recipients for 2017 and it was agreed to send \$250 each to Imagination Library and Robin's Nest and \$350 to Friends of Hickory Public Library with \$100 earmarked for Ridgeview Branch. Dianne will write letters to accompany the donations for Carol to sign.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Adra Kryszczuk,  
Acting Secretary