

MINUTES

Newcomers of Catawba Valley Board Meeting

March 28, 2018

LeGrand's Home: 1404 Redmon Ct., Newton, NC 28658

ATTENDEES:

Carol Hoover, Joe Paussa, Vince LeGrand, Brenda Ireland, Dianne Straley, Shari Kidd, Adra Kryszczuk, Mary Bucy, Dale Pflugst, Carole Reising, Francine Gissy. Absent: Denise Bukovan.
Guests: Michele LeGrand and Scott Ireland.

WELCOME: Carol Hoover, President

Carol Hoover called the meeting to order at 10:16 am.

BOARD MINUTES: Francine Gissy

Adra Kryszczuk made a motion to accept the minutes for February 28, 2018 and Vince LeGrand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TRANSITION of the BOARD: Carol Hoover

Carol acknowledged 2017/2018 Board members and welcomed 2018/2019 Board members.

TREASURER REPORT: Vince LeGrand

Beginning Balance:	March 1, 2018	\$1,879.16
Total Income:		2,335.00
Total Expenses:		601.67
Ending Balance:	March 27, 2018	\$3,612.49

UPDATE on VOLUNTEER POSITIONS: Carol Hoover

- Carol distributed the By-Laws.
- Newcomer business cards were distributed to new Board members.
- Newcomers is a social club as defined by the IRS. As such, political and religious endorsements are not permitted.
- A request was made for a Board member to manage renewals and new sponsors. Dale Pflugst volunteered for the position. Currently there are 19 sponsors.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE: Francine Gissy

A list of events for 2018 was distributed to the Board. Below are upcoming events.

Cline's Antiques	April 13 & 14	Glenn Hilton Park Picnic:	April 30
Illusionist:	May 1	Summer Soiree:	August 17

CHARITIES: Joe Pausa

MOTION

Joe Pausa made a motion to replace the Lenoir Soup Kitchen Quarterly Charity with the Bethlehem Food Pantry for the spring charity. Adra Kryszczuk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Carole Reising will contact Robins Nest in Lenoir to ask if they accept tangible donations. The information will determine if they are a quarterly or cash charity.

YEAR in REVIEW

What Has Gone Well?

Out Reach: Reaching out to new members at general meetings, social events, etc.
Driving people to events – carpooling. This includes carpooling for members who prefer not to drive, do not like to drive at night or are unfamiliar with the area.
Providing day and evening events to accommodate all schedules.
AV projector was donated to Newcomers. Dianne Straley requested four (4) quality speakers. Vince LeGrand will bring speakers to the next meeting.
Increase in general meeting and games events may require a larger venue. Suggestions included fire departments, CVCC and LR Belk Theatre. The Board agreed the airport venue provides an excellent venue as well as pricing for room/food.

What Could be Improved?

Increase strategy canasta sessions. Shari Kidd will offer more sessions. Dianne Straley will print strategies.
Offer more game options i.e. Samba.
Reduce/limit newspaper publicity for the general meetings. Limited publicity will reduce over crowding at general meetings.
Explore identifying the geographic location of members. This will increase networking. Brenda Ireland made the recommendation.

**Next General Members Meeting: Wednesday, April 11/10:30am/Hickory Regional Airport.
Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 25, 2018/Patrick Beaver Library**

The meeting ended at 12:30pm.

Minutes submitted by,
Francine Gissy, Secretary