

Newcomers of Catawba County
Board meeting minutes, Oct. 24, 2018

Present: Carol Hoover, Adra Kryszczuk, Dale Pfingst, Vince LeGrand, Mary Bucy and Dianne Straley.
(Visitors: Michele LeGrand and Greg Gervasio)

Absent: Joe Paussa, Brenda Ireland and Shari Kidd.

President Carol Hoover called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Motion to approve the Sept. 26 board minutes was approved, after a motion by Adra and a second by Vince.

Treasurer's Report: Vince reported the club spent about \$80 to support the Oct. 10 general meeting in Asheville, with the money going for drinks, the speaker's lunch and a tip for the deli driver. Earlier in the year, the club spent \$250 to rent the Governor's Western Residence.

The club's bank balance was \$3,490.55 on Oct. 1 and rose to \$3,505.92 on Oct. 24. Vince noted the club had added six new members, accounting for \$105 in dues. Half-year dues of \$15 began Oct. 1.

Vince reported the club had about \$2,400 left in the \$3,500 social budget, a healthy amount considering the fiscal year was half gone.

The club now has 162 household memberships, the highest ever.

Motion was approved to postponed action until November on the proposal to amend the club bylaws since Joe was absent and he had asked for a delay until the October meeting. The proposed amendment reads in part "Members are not to promote their own business (or employer's or friend's businesses at these activities nor are members to use the membership directory as a source of information for promoting their own business (or employer's or friend's business)."

Carol reported the club was still looking for a member to serve as the treasurer's backup, part of the board's plan to have other members trained to take over a position in case an officer is incapacitated. Vince suggested the nominating committee look for backup help when it recruits officers for 2019. Adra and Michele will also revise the membership application to give new members a chance to check off jobs and activities they are interested in.

Adra reported work is underway to recruit more helpers for the club's various game events, to be followed by training. She and Carol will coordinate the lists of volunteers.

Webmaster: Sandy Shear will not replace Greg as webmaster because of health issues, so recruiting has begun again among our members.

Carol wants a long-range plan that would allow members to make better use of the website, specifically by registering for events online.

Carol and the board thanked Greg for the good work he has done in a very difficult situation to keep the

website going.

Carol reported that Denise Bukovan is moving to Charlotte and a replacement is needed to handle club publicity. Mary volunteered to stock rack cards and Dianne will send out press releases. Adra will help Mary reorder rack cards as needed.

Motion: The board inspected four thermal cups that Adra brought to the meeting. The board agreed to buy 150 thermal cups at \$3.69 each, plus \$50 set up fee, and shipping, not to exceed \$700. About 100 of the cups will be given out at the holiday social to club volunteers. The stainless steel cups will carry the club name. The remaining cups will be stored and may be used as prizes and for future volunteers.

Carol reported the holiday social will be held at Market on Main on Friday, Dec. 7, and she is meeting with the club owner to work out details. She will be seeking volunteers for a number of jobs to help with the event including someone to handle carpools for singles. Vince will prepare a flier that resembles an invitation to promote the evening.

Adra will print name tags which will include names of volunteers.

The club will spend about \$500 on the event, with members bearing the full cost of their meals. Member Chad Burel has volunteered to pay for the venue and entertainment – Ulysses Long. Chad's contribution will be mentioned in the program and by Carol that evening.

Shari will set up a map where members can pin their hometowns and past homes. Straleys and Paussas will organize a trivia game with \$200 in prizes.

Greg mentioned he may be able to find a low-cost computer program that will show location of members' current homes.

Adra says members have volunteered to put together 50 gift baskets for teens. She will pass out baskets at the November general meeting and coordinate pickup. She and Francine are working on the South Mountain Children's home Christmas stockings.

Dianne will send out an email announcing Thanksgiving Tables, where members join each other for Thanksgiving.

The Nov. 28 board meeting will look at the calendar for holiday events, and Adra will email coordinators to make sure any changes for the holidays have been noted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35.

Dianne Straley
acting secretary