

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 25, 2019**

The board meeting was called to order by Delilah Bragg at 10:01 a.m. at the Patrick Beaver Memorial Library Conference Room. In attendance were Delilah Bragg, Dianne Straley, Adra Kryszczuk, Suzie Matthews, Shari Kidd, Sandi Shear and Amy Chizen. Absent: Dale Pfingst.

The minutes of the August board meeting were approved by a motion by Dianne Straley seconded by Amy Chizen.

As Dale was absent, there was not Treasurer's report

Suzie Matthews reported that donations were marginally up. Toys for Tots will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Charity. New, unwrapped toys are requested. Newcomers have donated more than any other entity in the past two years. Newsletter running smoothly.

Amy Chizen has not checked the rack cards this month. All is well with the book club. Book club meets today and they're still working on next year's list.

Dianne Straley reported the next Team Quisine menu will be Autumnal Feast on October 12th. Future menus will include Thai, Summer Feast and Kentucky Derby. There will be six (6) events next year with a need for hosts at all but one (1). Mike Sigmon has already volunteered to host the May Kentucky Derby event with a limit of 38 attendees. Mah Jongg is doing well. Their holiday party will be Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. at Abington Glen Clubhouse.

October speaker will be the Hickory Mayor, Henry Guess, talking about the city walk project which starts on Monday. November will have a Barbershop Quartet. The Table Talk on Video Streaming in September went well and the presentation has been uploaded to the website.

Adra Kryszczuk reported that she has updated all the email connections from the .com site to the .org site. Photos for the Pontoon Party and the Pool Party are on the website and the photos from the Art trip to Asheville are in progress. Then she'll work on the scanned scrapbook photos. There are no issues with Dominoes, or Rummikub which will stay at the Wynnshire Ridge clubhouse through September. Bridge is looking into their holiday party.

Shari noted that there have been no additional special events added but she's working on a day trip to Mt. Airy NC in mid-October (the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>). Shari is looking to step down as Games coordinator (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Night) which means we'll lose Martha Conrad and Mary Ellen Glover too. Lori Gervasio is still looking for a replacement but won't leave until she finds one.

Sandi reported that memberships are under control (there have been two new memberships in the past month). She spoke with Naomi East and Michele LeGrand asking each of them if they would consider heading up Members Helping Members and both declined. Sandi suggested that perhaps this function should be assigned to the Vice President. However, Sandi will not be continuing in that role.

Delilah Bragg reported that snacks will continue at General Meetings but that Sharon Snellings may only ask for two contributors instead of three. She is still working with Brenda regarding inviting sponsors to attend meetings to see what Newcomers is about.

The Nominating Committee is comprised of Naomi East, Carol Hoover and Shari Kidd. Delilah is still trying to get in touch with Dennis Donahue to see if he will also join in.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Dianne Straley and seconded by Amy Chizen for the following rotation of charities for next year:

First Quarter (Jan-Mar)      Safe Harbor

Second Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Robin's Nest
Third Quarter (Jul-Sep)	Exodus Homes
Fourth Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Toys for Tots
Motion passed unanimously.	

It was also agreed that the three counties' libraries would receive our annual \$200 charity donations this year.

One other 'charity' event that Suzie wanted to promote is that Newcomers have a member, Pam Wagoner, who will be "Dancing for the Stars" to benefit the Carolina Broadway Theatre Company and Clater-Kaye Theatre Works on Saturday, February 29, 2020. She's asking that we promote this event as much as we can.

Dianne updated us on the November 6<sup>th</sup> Wine & Cheese tasting at Olde Hickory Station asking for money from the treasury to augment the event. The cost from Olde Hickory Station is \$15.00 per person and Dianne asked for \$5.00 per person from the club to offset the cost. As she was not sure of the maximum allowed on the outdoor patio, Adra Kryszczuk made a motion to supply a maximum \$250.00 for the event, seconded by Sandi Shear. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting dates for the next three board meetings are:

October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	(Delilah will be away – Sandi will run the meeting)
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	(a week earlier due to holiday)
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	(a week earlier due to holiday)

All meetings will be at the Library.

Delilah may be asking the board for money for prizes for the Holiday Party.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Adra Kryszczuk