

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley
Board Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2019**

The board meeting was called to order by Delilah at 10:03 a.m. at the home of Amy Chizen. In attendance were, Delilah Bragg, Sandi Johnson, Dianne Straley, Adra Kryszczuk, Dale Pfingst, Shari Kidd, and Amy Chizen. Guest, Chris Beckom and Naomi East. Absent: Suzie Matthews.

The minutes of the October board meeting were approved by a motion by Amy Chizen seconded by Delilah Bragg.

Dale reported that the beginning balance was \$2,758.22. There was income of \$120.00 and expenses of \$671.94 leaving a balance of \$2,216.28. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Dale reported that shooting is "on target" and that bowling is going well with an average of 8 to 10 participants using four lanes.

There was no report from Suzie Matthews.

Amy Chizen found the rack cards and replenished supplies at the Chamber. Book club is meeting this afternoon. Their holiday lunch will be on December 11th and it will be catered by Chris Almeida's family's restaurant.

Dianne Straley reported that the December General Meeting will feature the Astronomy professor, Dr. Daniel Caton who will talk about the mysterious lights at Brown Mountain. Paige Straley will run "Car Talk" after the meeting. The January meeting will be at CVCC's Simulated Hospital for a tour; February's meeting will feature Dr. George Place who will tell us how to start our tomato plants and Dianne is looking for someone to do a table talk on electronic wallets. For March, Dianne is hoping to partner with the History Museum for a Road Scholar program. Team Cuisine start again in February 2020 with a Dr. Zhivago theme. Mah Jongg is doing well. Their holiday party will be Friday, December 13th, 10 a.m. at Abington Glen Clubhouse.

Adra Kryszczuk got the scrapbook photos from Amy and will work uploading them this week. There are no issues with Dominoes. Bridge will hold their holiday party on Monday, December 9 from 1 to 7 p.m. Adra and Chris Beckom visited merchants for donations and shopped for door prizes for the Holiday Games Party on Thursday, November 21st. With all of the donations and the monies from the kitty funds, the attendees should be able to eat for free and each get a door prize.

Shari reported Royce and Linda Dunn will take over Canasta and Games Day for Lori Gervasio. Suzie and Monty Matthews may be back-up for the Dunns. Paige and Dianne Straley will replace Martha Conrad and Shari Kidd for Samba and Games Nights.

Sandi reported that she has all the information for all new members and is making sure that everything is going out. There have been 13 new members since October.

Delilah reported that hospitality is on track. Brenda is planning to invite a sponsor to attend each general meeting to see how Newcomers works – not necessarily to promote themselves. Delilah suggested that the December board meeting could be held at the Hickory Furniture Mart in their open area or the café if the open area is being used. The Library is replacing all the carpeting upstairs, so the meeting room will not be available on any date.

Naomi East presented a sample ballot listing the slate of nominees for 2020. They are:

Cathi Montgomery – President
Rob Herman – Vice President
Kathy Rozea – Treasurer
Chris Beckom – Secretary
Delilah Bragg – Past President

Directors:
Amy Chizen
Adra Kryszczuk
Suzie Matthews
Addie McSherley

Amy reported that the Bethlehem Star is published after our general meeting and she has decided not to pursue the venture.

Delilah questioned the fiscal year vs office terms and it was clarified that the extra time allowed for the new board to make its own budget rather than be held to one made by another board.

Delilah requested \$75 for a gift basket for the Holiday Party. Adra made a motion for those funds to be approved, seconded by Sandi Johnson; motion passed unanimously.

The joint Officers/Directors lunch in January will be held at Dos Amigos Restaurant, 1222 Conover Blvd., Conover at 11 a.m. on January 22nd. Dale made a motion to approve up to \$260 to cover the cost of the meal, seconded by Adra; motion passed unanimously.

Delilah asked all Board members to review their duties as listed in the November newsletter as there may/could be some changes.

Amy announced that the next Special Events Committee meeting would be at the Library at 1 p.m. on January 13, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Adra Kryszczuk