

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
Newcomers of Catawba County
February 26, 2020

The Board Meeting held at Patrick Beaver Library was called to order by President Cathi Montgomery at 10:01 AM. Present besides the President were Kathy Rozea, Treasurer; Delilah Bragg, Past President; Chris Beckom, Secretary; and Directors Amy Chizen, Adra Kryszczuk, Suzie Matthews and Addie McSherley. Absent was Rob Herman, Vice President.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January Board Meeting was made by Delilah Bragg and seconded by Amy Chizen. January minutes approved.

Vice President's Report: In Rob Herman's absence Adra Kryszczuk discussed having several new members and said she would give their information to Rob for him to pass along to the coordinators.

Treasurer's Report from Kathy Rozea:

January beginning balance	\$1,922.66
Membership dues	445.00
Payment for Bridge Holiday Party	40.00
Ending Balance	\$2,327.66

Motion to accept Treasurer's report made by Adra and seconded by Amy and report was accepted. Kathy also said she expects to have the new budget ready by next month's meeting; and that there have been 130 Newcomer's dues renewals thus far for 2020.

Adra mentioned the auto renewal of \$15.16 coming up on April 2, 2020, to Name Cheap, the club's internet domain provider. Kathy stated that we have a club credit card to which such items should be charged.

Charity Report from Suzie Matthews: our charity of this quarter, Safe Harbor, is having two tours of its facilities in March, on the 5th and the 19th which are both full at 9 people each. All but three of the attendees are Newcomers. She stated being pleased with the donations thus far and gave a \$5.00 cash donation from a member to the Treasurer who will issue a check for all accumulated cash donations to Safe Harbor at the end of the quarter. Also informed that Safe Harbor is now accepting clothing donations and that club members would be given this information. The next quarter's charity will be Robin's Nest, a facility for physically and emotionally abused children.

It was discussed that the club will give \$200.00 each to three libraries in Catawba, Caldwell and Alexander counties at the end of the fiscal year and confirmed with Kathy that the money is available in the budget.

Programs for General Meetings: Cathi gave information from Dianne Straley, Program Coordinator about proposed April and May Programs dealing with housing for seniors as they age. April program to be independent living at home and services available to help one stay home. Speaker will be Dianna-Lee Plover, director of Neighbor's Network, a branch of Catawba Council on Aging. It was proposed to hold this meeting in their facility in Conover with large auditorium seating 100 with good amenities for meetings. It would be scheduled at 11:30 instead of the usual 10:30 and would be open to the public as well as to Newcomer's members.

The May program would continue the same senior housing theme going on to independent facilities with meals but no medical care, then on to assisted living with some medical help. This speaker, not yet named, would come from Piedmont Council of Government. The Board was in favor of the April meeting in Conover but held off on approving the May meeting at this time.

Newsletter Report: Cathi Montgomery said Brenda Ireland, Newsletter publisher, reported to her by email that all is well on the Newsletter and Sponsor Front. Cathi said she would send Brenda information on two prospective sponsors, Ashe Van Lines Moving and Storage and Attitude Salon.

Rack cards report Amy Chizen: rack cards have been replenished at Chamber of Commerce and other locations and noted that Bisque and Beads will now take rack cards. A few places where the club might want to put rack cards now only have bulletin boards and will need a holder for the cards that will work on bulletin boards. Also discussed other places where Newcomer's information could be displayed in the future.

Events Coordinator, Amy Chizen: Stated 8 members attended ceramics at Bisque and Beads a few weeks ago and that the proprietor, Katy, said she could also do jewelry making classes. Amy said the Patrick Beaver Library has offered to have Newcomer craft classes in the library and that the library also has their own monthly craft classes limited to 10 attendees.

Upcoming events: Amy discussed a tour of the Historical Museum in Newton scheduled for March 18th, and an April 2nd tour of Shallowford Popcorn Factory in Yadkinville. More information on the Historical tour in Newton will be in the Newsletter and in another informational email to members. The Yadkinville tour has not been presented to the members yet.

A site and date for the upcoming picnic (possibly in May) has not been decided and will be discussed at the next Event's Planning meeting March 9th at the library at 1 PM.

Dates for the Pontoon Party are currently set at June 3rd with a rain date of June 4th. The dates will be confirmed with Chad Burel before the event is advertised to the membership.

Adra brought up a drop in attendance at a lot of the game days and nights at the airport and it was discussed why this might be. An email to the members was discussed, possibly in the form of a survey, to see what the membership thinks about activities. Adra said she and her husband Zig would attend to this. She also mentioned that due to Linda Dunn's cancer and daily treatments, Royce and Linda would like to have someone take over their coordinator's duties during this time. Carpooling was also mentioned for those who do not like to drive at night and it was suggested to put this in the newsletter.

Old Business: More diversity in membership was discussed. Putting a notice in the Newsletters of various senior centers was mentioned. Adra said she would ask Dianne Straley to write an article for these Newsletters. The possibility was discussed to put a booth at the Farmer's Market and other venues such as programs at the Convention Center to tell people about Newcomers. Also discussed getting a volunteer from Newcomers to head a committee regarding new membership drives. Cathi said she would write a letter to the membership regarding forming this proposed committee.

New Business: Adra brought up the age and nature of the current name tags for members and showed example of new tags that can be purchased for \$30.99 per 100 with discount for email sign-up which Adra

said she would do. Delilah Bragg motioned to approve funds for this purchase; Kathy Rozea seconded and funds were approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted
Chris Beckom