

**Minutes of Board Meeting
Newcomers of Catawba County
April 22, 2020**

Meeting was brought to order by President Cathi Montgomery at 11:00 AM via Zoom. Aside from Cathi, present at the meeting were: Vice President Rob Herman, Treasurer Kathy Rozea, Past President Delilah Bragg, Secretary Chris Beckom and directors Adra Kryzczuk, Suzie Matthews, Amy Chizen and Addie McSherley. Also present was Francine Gissy who is assisting Suzie Matthews with the Charity of the Quarter work.

President: Cathi initiated discussion on the Covid 19 situation. It was decided after much discussion by those in attendance that this is still a wait and see situation. Cathi said another short board meeting will be held to discuss how this might continue to impact the club after Governor Roy Cooper makes an announcement in the coming days on how North Carolina's reopening will go.

Vice President: As to membership, Rob said the club had 40 new members in 2019 and has had 15 new members in the first quarter of 2020, on a par with the first quarter of 2019. Letters of welcome were sent out to new members.

Treasurer: Kathy discussed unpaid dues for 2020 saying 70-75 people have not renewed to date. As the deadline for reduced dues has been extended to May 15, she suggested dividing up the list of non-payment members after that date for board members to place calls to remind. Emails have been sent regarding extension of deadline and Kathy said she will send another.

Finances: Bottom line on club funds is \$4700.00 with another possible \$900.00 to come from dues. This amount matches the bank balance. The budget being worked on is similar to last years and will be discussed for approval at the next meeting.

Cathi said Past President Delilah has written letters to accompany the yearly donation checks to the three county libraries the club supports. The letters will be sent to Kathy who will send them with the \$200.00 donation check to each.

Kathy has checks ready to go for Toys for Tots, fourth quarter charity from December 2019, and for Safe Harbor, the first quarter charity of 2020. Susie gave Kathy the name of Jackie McKool, contact person for Safe Harbor and Kevin McCutcheon contact for Toys for Tots to receive the checks.

Budget for the Holiday Party 2020 in December was touched on. In 2019, \$1,075 was paid for the venue and band. The meals, tax and tips were paid by the members attending. A small group consisting of Cathi, Rob, Amy and Chris was formed to check into venues for 2020 after activities open up again. Catawba Country Club, last year's venue, and Duke's Restaurant and Wine Bar were suggested as possibilities.

Secretary: Minutes of the March meeting were discussed. Motion to approve minutes by Kathy and seconded by Amy. Minutes were approved.

Charity Report: Francine Gissy has made contact with this quarter's charity, Robin's Nest, and has a wish list for donations ready to go when activities open up in the club. It was discussed and decided to extend this charity through the next quarter, too, as there are no activities now for members to bring

donations. The charity Exodus House, which would have been the third quarter's charity, will be moved to next year as Toys for Tots is always the charity for the last quarter.

Activities: Amy reported the Pontoon Party and the Picnic are still on the books for June 3 and June 22, respectively. Other activities that have had to be cancelled will still be scheduled in the future, possibly not till next year.

As far as routine activities like cards at the airport it was discussed that they can be opened up when allowed and members will have to make their own decisions about attending regarding their feelings on safety. Optional masks, etc were discussed. Adra reported all the cards had been washed and sanitized and all containers for supplies had been cleaned.

At the last meeting buying or having a cornhole game for the club was discussed. At this time Adra said her husband Zig will make a game.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Beckom
Secretary