

Minutes of Board Meeting
Newcomers of Catawba Valley
July, 19, 2021

This meeting was called to order in the home of president Cathi Montgomery at 1:35 p.m. In addition to Cathi, present were vice president Rob Herman, treasurer Kathy Rozea, secretary Catherine Caswell and board members Nancy Geiger and Adra Kryszczuk.

Cathi called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the minutes of the June meeting. Nancy made the motion and Rob seconded it and the motion passed. The minutes were later changed to reflect the correct date for the 12th Annual Marine Corps League Charity scheduled for September 27th.

President

Cathi let the board know about recently filled volunteer positions that have been filled. New member Catherine Caswell is now secretary, new member Laura Moran has agreed to take over the book club starting in January. Marje Wells and Mike Baretzky have agreed to take over the newsletter. There are still vacancies for other programs and games. Adra let the secretary and the board know that minutes only need to be taken at general meetings when there is a treasurer's report, which is once a quarter.

Cathi also mentioned that Saturday's work day for Habitat for Humanity was a success. Nancy agreed to write a story for both our newsletter and The Hickory Daily Record and the Bethlehem Star about the work day, including the story of the person who will be receiving the home.

A second work day may be planned for late September.

Vice president

Rob said there were 3 new members in June. Evie Gibson, Laura Moran and Catherine Caswell. A new member luncheon will be held on Wednesday, July 21 at Rob's house for members who have joined since March 2020.. The luncheon will be outside with specialty burgers and a variety of sides. The luncheon has two purposes: 1) to help new members meet and get to know new people 2) to recruit new members for volunteer positions. He reported that 29 have been invited. He had 7 "no" responses and 19 "yes" responses and 3 people have not RSVPed.

Secretary

The secretary, being new, had nothing to report.

Treasurer

Kathy reported that she had received 2 checks but had no other report.

Other Directors

Charity coordinator:

Nancy reported the Habitat for Humanity workday on Saturday was a success and would like to try to schedule another workday for late September. She would also like to encourage members to sign up for work days on their own and to give monetary donations. She will write an article about the

workday for our newsletter and The Hickory Daily Times and the Bethlehem Star. She will try to schedule another group workday for the end of September but members can volunteer on their own at any time.

Events Committee chair:

Amy was not in attendance but Cathi reported for her that the pool party is July 31st at Vince and Michele LeGrand's home. 15 people have signed up so far. A winery tour is tentatively scheduled for September 13th at a winery in Statesville. The pontoon party is scheduled for September 17th. A tubing and/or rafting trip is being investigated for August.

Games Night:

Adra said she plans to send a general letter to the membership the first week in August about game nights. There will be two game nights a month, a Canasta night and a Samba night. Elizabeth Strickland will possibly take over Samba Day for 6 months starting in October. We need someone for dominoes night.

Old Business:

The July general meeting was Thursday, July 15th at the Wade Center, home of Neighbors Network Inc. Cathi spoke with Dianna Keever,, president of Neighbors Network, Inc. after the meeting about possibly partnering with them for some activities. Rummikub is looking for a new place to meet. It may be possible to meet at the Wade Center if we allow nonmembers from The Wade Center to also play. This would possibly allow us to use the Wade Center without having to pay a rental fee. Cathi also spoke with Dianna about possibly doing trips together with The Wade Center. Dianna was meeting with her board of directors today and planned to bring up the ideas with them. It was brought up that The Wade Center is not in a convenient location for most of our members and could make things difficult for members traveling at night.

Cathi brought up the 12th Annual Marine Corps Charity Golf Tournament scheduled for Sept 27th. She mentioned that we would sponsor 2 holes and she reminded Kathy to submit the form and check for the sponsorship.

New Business:

The 2 items of new business were the holiday party and the need for a nominating committee for a new board of directors.

After a discussion it was decided to have a winter party on Friday, January 7 with heavy hors d'oeuvres and music. Dukes Restaurant & Wine Bar was suggested as a possible location. It was decided that Amy and the Events Committee would take charge of this.

Since the party would be in January it was decided to hopefully have some type of holiday celebration at the December general meeting. This again would be for Amy and the events committee to plan.

Cathi also said she would like board members to plan for 2 hours BOD meetings.

Adra brought up the need to revise the new member application form so that it reflects that members join individually and not as couples. The current form was marked and edited for revision. Kathy made a motion to revise the forms to reflect this. Rob seconded and the motion passed. Rob will type up the new form.

Adra had another issue to bring up but could not remember what it was until after the meeting was adjourned.

The next general meeting will be August 11th at the airport.

The next board of directors meeting will be August 25th at the home of the treasurer Kathy Rozea.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

Soon after the meeting was adjourned Adra remembered the issue she wanted to bring up. She reminded the board that anyone planning an activity should check the calendar to make sure no regularly scheduled event is happening at the same time before scheduling a new event. We do not want events to overlap.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Caswell, secretary