

**Minutes of Board Meeting
Newcomers of Catawba Valley
October 27, 2021**

The meeting was called to order in the home of Amy Chizen at 10:30 by Cathi Montgomery. Present were Cathi Montgomery, Rob Herman, Kathy Rozea, Nancy Geiger, Amy Chizen, Delilah Bragg, and Adra Kryszczuk. Absent: Catherine Caswell. Cathi called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the minutes from the September board meeting. Adra made the motion and Rob seconded it. The motion passed to accept the minutes.

President

Cathi said the newsletter editor position has been accepted by Susan Mata. As Brenda Ireland is out of town, Adra has agreed to work with Susan on a new newsletter for November.

Cathi received an email (shared with the board) from Francine Gissy regarding the scheduling of Lunch Out. Francine is not comfortable eating indoors except with those she knows well and has asked that we either accept her resignation or ask for another member to handle the months of November through April. As Francine is willing to stay on for May through October, the board agreed to look for a partner for Francine. Cathi will query Francine for recommendations.

On that same vein, Christine Almeida has let Jon Kizer know that she will be leaving Team Cuisine following the February 2022 meal. This position will be added to the list of vacancies.

Vice President

Rob reported that there have been 41 new members in 2021. The new member luncheon is scheduled for November 9th. Rob requested funds to augment the menu and asked each board member to provide a dish. The \$50 request was approved following a motion by Adra, seconded by Amy. Adra will prepare the rice dish following Rob's recipe, Kathy will bring two appetizers, Amy and Delilah will bring desserts and Cathi will bring soup. Rob had concerns that possibly some new members had not actually paid dues. Adra will provide Kathy with a list of new members since May so Kathy can match up with payments.

Treasurer

Kathy reported that the balance in the club's treasury remains in the \$4,000 range. She will be away from mid-January until March 22, 2022 and shared a list of activities normally performed by the treasurer that will need attention. As Adra is co-signatory on the club's account and has a key to the mailbox, she volunteered to handle Kathy's role while she's away.

Kathy confirmed that Alexander County Habitat for Humanity has received a check in the amount of \$103.

The club has paid for one more year of Zoom but will not renew further. Adra will let members know that this is a resource they can use.

Charities

Nancy was given some paperwork received in the club's mailbox and this generated discussion on our first quarter charity for 2022. Nancy suggested the Soup Kitchen in Hickory as that charity. Following a motion by Kathy seconded by Nancy, the Soup Kitchen was approved for the first quarter. Delilah reminded us that all four counties are considered when selecting charities. Nancy will bring a list for review at the next meeting. Rob suggested that possibly the head of whichever charity is chosen could speak for 5 or 10 minutes at a general meeting following the key speaker

Special Events Chair

Amy offered a proposal that might generate more charity funds - encourage members to wear a certain color to general meetings or pay \$1 to the current charity. Much discussion followed this culminating in agreement that this should not be presented as a penalty and that a group photo would be appropriate to record those who comply.

Amy and Harlan are co-host for the Halloween party at the Legrand's.

Amy has scheduled a shopping trip to The Catawba River Antiques Mall in Belmont with lunch at Jekyll and Hyde to follow. She is looking for a date to reschedule Fercott Fermentables and reminded us of the December general meeting Open House being spearheaded by Sharon Snellings. She also mentioned the possibility of a Valentine's Tea at the Art Museum.

Amy is hoping to restart the Special Events Committee meeting in person and will research locations.

Nominating Committee

Adra reported that she and Shari Kidd have not had much success recruiting but that two positions have been filled – Newsletter editor (Susan Mata) and Programs (Kathy Kuehn). Cathi will provide a list of vacancies to Susan for the November newsletter and will contact Catherine Caswell to determine her stance on the Board Secretary position. It was noted that we are also short one Director. Adra suggested approaching Addie McSherley again and new member Ed Farthing was suggested.

Adra reported that she has a stack of 20 or so new nametags to be added to our already overcrowded boxes and wondered if another box would be in order. She will research pricing and, in the meantime, will query members regarding their information. A note will be sent along with the current member information asking them to review and report any inconsistencies in information to her. The hope is that those planning not to renew will say so.

The slate will be presented to the membership in November, voted on in December and the new board will be installed in January.

Old Business

The Holiday Party will be at 6:30 p.m. on January 7, 2022 at Duke's Restaurant and Wine Bar in a small private room for 50. Jon and Rob will handle centerpieces and Duke's will keep holiday décor in place. After their two free drink tickets, there will be a cash bar. The cost to members will be \$25 p.p. to include tax and tip. There will be pizza appetizers and a plated meal. The club will cover a pianist during dinner and a bartender. Amy is working on some kind of white elephant gift exchange.

New Business

Cathi will be unable to attend the November 10 general meeting and Rob will cover for her. Our speaker will be Larry Gambill of Mooresville on Eng and Chang Bunker, who lived in North Carolina. Larry's aunt married a grandson of Eng.

Next Meetings

The next Board of Directors meeting will be November 19 at Nancy's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Adra Kryszczuk
Acting Secretary