

**Minutes of Board Meeting  
Newcomers of Catawba County  
December 22, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 by Cathi Montgomery in the home of Rob Herman. Those present introduced themselves and their positions.

Cathi Montgomery – President

Rob Herman – Vice President

Adra Kryszczuk – Director

Susan Mata – Newsletter Editor

Kathy Kuehn – Program Director

Kathy Rosea - Treasurer

Karen Mills – Secretary

Delilah Bragg – Past President

Nancy Geiger – Charity Director

Amy Chizen – Special Events Director

Absent was Catherine Caswell – adhoc Secretary

Minutes of the November Board meeting were moved to be approved by Adra and seconded by Amy. Minutes Passed.

**President:** Cathi reported that the December 8<sup>th</sup> Open House was successful with 38 attendees. Winter Party plans are on track. Adra noted that the Airport Café is planning to raise beverage prices to \$2.00. Adra will discuss pricing with the café manager.

**Vice President:** Rob reported that we have 52 new members in 2021 with a total of 323 current members. He is planning another new member luncheon in April.

**Treasurer:** Kathy will send the treasurer's report later. Current balance is approximately \$4,000 before paying for the Winter Party expenses. Kathy will be out of town for 8 weeks starting January 25<sup>th</sup>. Adra will step in for Kathy in her absence.

**Charities:** Nancy reported that the first quarter charity in 2022 will be the Hickory Soup Kitchen. Austin Pearce from the Soup Kitchen will speak briefly at the next Newcomer's General Meeting. Newcomers will plan a food drive, money collection, and ask for volunteers for the Soup Kitchen. Information will be in the newsletter.

The second quarter charity will be the Burke County Outreach Center. The third quarter charity will be Second Harvest. There was motion brought forward to donate \$100 to the Cancer Wig organization – motion passed.

**Special Events:** Amy reported that the group had a shopping trip to the Antique Mall in Belmont, NC.

Upcoming events are:

A beer/wine tasting at Novel Taproom in Newton on January 21<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 9 pm.

A Valentine's tea in February.

A Mardi Gras event in March.

Amy stated that the special events committee will reconvene to review previously cancelled events. A request was made for a photographer for all events. Susan Mata volunteered her husband, Jay.

**Programs:** Kathy K. stated that Terry Clark (the Airport Manager) will speak at the January General Meeting.

**Directors:** Adra brought up the independent scheduling of the Patrick Chick's beer tasting and how it conflicted with other Newcomer events. The board discussed reviewing the current start-up guidelines. Rob will review the guidelines and present them to the new members. Games will be starting in January  
There was a discussion regarding the current pandemic policy, the current policy stands. Adra received a thank you note from the Teen Christmas organization for the 60 baskets provided by the Newcomers.

**New Business:** Discussion regarding adding an additional way to pay for Newcomer events/dues. Suggestions were Square, PayPal and Venmo. Kathy R. will research the options and report to the Board in May.

Next Board Meeting will be a luncheon on January 12th following the Newcomers General Meeting. Cathi Montgomery will make reservations at DaVinci's.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:25.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Mills  
Secretary