

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Newcomers of Catawba Valley

January 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Cathi Montgomery, President, at approximately 12:30pm at DaVinci's Restaurant. Members present were Cathi Montgomery, Rob Herman, Adra Kryszczuk, Amy Chizen, Kathy Rosea, Nancy Geiger, Kathy Kuehn, Susan Mata, Delilah Bragg and Karen Mills. Minutes of the last meeting were amended by Adra and included correcting Ray Mata as photographer, and the listing of the board members as directors. Moved by Amy and seconded by Nancy to be approved as amended. Passed.

Old Business: Winter Party on January 7, 2022. It was deemed a success with much participation in games and dancing. Kudos to Rob and Amy for their hard work, including the sax player and the entertainment. Cathi reported that Duke's was overpaid by \$500; a new invoice will be issued.

New Business:

President: Cathi reported that Vince LeGrande has asked to be replaced as Registered Agent of the Corporation by a current Board member. Adra volunteered to take on that assignment.

Vice President: Rob reported that we received 3 new members in December and 2 in January, with 2 more possibilities. Cathi suggested that we have a board meeting specifically to address a revision of the startup guidelines. Rob volunteered to organize this and assign duties to each board member.

Treasurer: Kathy R. reported that dues are coming in steadily (approximately 60 so far). She plans to send out a reminder in the newsletter of the discount in dues if paid before April. Much discussion ensued re: follow up on unpaid members in order to clear the roster. Several members volunteered to make calls, but this will be revisited at the February board meeting.

Kathy reported that she paid out \$150 to Toys for Tots and will be issuing a check for \$100 to the Catawba Wig Bank. A complete treasurer's report will be sent out at a later date.

Secretary: No report

Board Directors:

Adra – Reported that initial games session went well with 12 participants. They plan to add pinochle. She states that the Crossroads café has raised their price on beverages to \$2.00, but that they will accept whatever is in the basket.

Nancy – She has received lots of volunteers for the Hickory Soup Kitchen. It was noted that the Soup Kitchen will accept leftovers. Ted Sowder has volunteered to help with a dance fund raiser at some point this year.

Amy – Reports that the Special Events Committee met yesterday with many good ideas. They discussed revisiting old events or cancelled ones as well. Upcoming events that are scheduled include the wine and beer tasting at Novel on January 21, a pontoon party September 16. And a Valentine Tea to be postponed to a later date. She stated there is interest in a craft group with dates TBD. It was noted

that other activities that are not considered Special Events, will need to be started by other individuals and must follow the startup guidelines.

Susan – Asked for Newsletter items to be sent in. A deadline date has not been determined.

Rob and Cathi thanked all members for the hard work done last year. The next general meeting will be February 9 and the Board Meeting scheduled for February 16 at Cathi's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Mills, Secretary