

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley
Board Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Cathi Montgomery, President, at 10:10 a.m. at the home of Amy Chizen. Members present were Cathi Montgomery, Kathy Rosea, Kathy Kuehn, Rob Herman, Adra Kryszczuk and Amy Chizen. Nancy Geiger and Karen Mills were absent. Susan Mata attended as a guest. Minutes of the last meeting were moved to be approved with the correction of the motion for picnic funds as \$300, not \$200, by Kathy K., seconded by Amy and passed unanimously.

Rob reported that he counted five (5) new members in April and four (4) to date in May. There was a line-by-line review of the draft of 'Policy to Create a New Newcomers Activity With or Without Member Fee.' Adra volunteered to make the agreed changes to the document and distribute to all board members for discussion/approval at the June Board meeting.

Kathy R. reported an approximate balance of \$6,500 as of May 25, 2022. She asked that anyone requesting reimbursement for expenses please present them in a clearly labeled envelope that includes pertinent receipts. Cathi asked Kathy K. to give more detailed information of income and expenses on future Treasurers Reports. Kathy R. shared a list of non-paid members that is still lengthy. An email will be sent to those from whom we have no responses stating (in kind terms) that their membership will be terminated on May 31 if we don't hear from them and that they are welcome to rejoin at any time. She also requested that dues renewal request not start any sooner than February 1st. That will give members until March 31st to renew. It was agreed to dispense with discounted dues. Kathy will send a revised list of those not joining to all Board members and Adra will send each committee chair a copy of the membership application for future needs.

Adra used this time to note that a minor change has been made to the application and posted online: The card games (#1 and #2) are ambiguous, so the change is the notation "circle applicable game."

Nancy Geiger reported to Cathi that she will schedule another volunteer day for The Outreach Center before the end of the second quarter. Kathy R. reported that a check in the amount of \$290.50 had been sent to the Hickory Soup Kitchen.

Amy outlined the following list of proposed/scheduled activities: **June 2**, Covered Bridge & Murray's Mill; **June 11**, Movie Night (in Amy's basement), original Top Gun?; **June 24**, Beer & Wine tasting at Hickory Tap Room outside; **June 3 & 17**, Stitch & Bitch at Deb Nielsen's; **July 8 & 22**, Stitch & Bitch (2nd & 4th instead of 1st & 3rd) at Dawn Ross/Tracey Breen's; **July 12**, Day trip to Trader Joe's in Winston Salem with lunch – carpooling from Rose's; **July 16**, Pool/Spa/Potluck at LeGrand's; **TBD**, Tour of Harper House with make-your-own ice cream sundaes in the basement. Amy is working on contacting Carolina Theater on a meet-up when they offer the new Downton Abbey and Top Gun movies. She's also looking into an August/September date for a tour of the Art Museum (evening?) and/or the Billy Graham Museum.

Adra reported that she plans a Canasta & Games Day for Tuesday, June 7th at 11:30 a.m. and a Samba Night on June 23rd at 5:30 p.m. She will investigate doing some sort of survey to determine games what should happen and when (day/evening).

Adra shared copies of two pieces of equipment she had researched online at Best Buy: HP 15.6" laptop at \$279.99 and HP DeskJet All-in-One wireless printer for \$104.99, these based on recommendations from her techy sons-in-law. Kathy R. presented an alternate choice for

the laptop with a touch screen. Kathy R. and Cathi will go to Best Buy to review options. Kathy R. made a motion, seconded by Rob, that a maximum of \$650 be allocated to the purchase of this equipment to include laptop, printer, keyboard, mouse and software.

Kathy K. reported that our tour of the Aviation Museum is set for 11:15 a.m. on June 8th. She noted that her July plans had fallen through and may try to take over the planned Harper House tour for an away General Meeting. She has firmed up the Bethlehem Nursery for November.

Kathy R. reported that she'd worked with Harlan Chizen to research options for accepting credit cards for dues and other payments. They learned that each transaction would be subject to a 3.9% upcharge **plus** 10 to 25 cents for each. Venmo and PayPal also charge a fee for their usage. Magnetic strips are being phased out. Credit card readers need more investigation. Adra suggested acquiring receipt books for those who wish to pay in cash as that will give a written record to the payer **and** the treasurer.

Review of other policies and Rack Card follow-up was shelved to the June meeting as some had to leave the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m. The next general meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. June 8th with a tour of the Aviation Museum to follow. The next Board Meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. June 22nd at Cathi's.

Respectfully Submitted,
Adra Kryszczuk
Acting Secretary