

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 27, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Cathi Montgomery, President at 10:08 at Kathy Rosea's home. Members present were Cathi Montgomery, Amy Chizen, Karen Mills, Rob Herman, Adra Kryszczuk, Kathy Rosea, Nancy Geiger, and Kathy Kuehn. Also present was The Voice Newsletter editor, Susan Mata. Minutes of the June meeting were moved to be approved as amended. Motion was made by Adra to allow non-members of the board to speak, seconded by Amy and passed.

Membership: Rob reported the new members for May -7, June - 5 and July - 4. The new member luncheon will be held at Rob's home on August 24<sup>th</sup>. The menu was presented, and volunteers signed up for dishes. It was decided to have the Board Meeting prior to the luncheon at 10:00 AM.

Treasurer: Kathy reported that the budget will be completed and sent to the Board members tomorrow. -The anonymous donation of \$120 was determined to have been non-winnings from the Kentucky Derby Party.

-The process to allow all Board members to use the debit card was tabled.

-Kathy is still exploring a bank change. Possibilities are the Pentagon Credit Union or SECU. Adra will investigate SECU.

-The financial report for the past 3 months was presented for review. Adra moved for approval, seconded by Rob and the motion passed.

-It was moved by Adra to sponsor one hole for the Marine Corps League Annual Tournament. Seconded by Rob and the motion passed. Cathi will send a check and get a reimbursement from Kathy.

Charities: The question was asked if ongoing volunteer requests were allowed for past charities. A discussion determined yes. Adra stated that these could be considered Meet-Ups and therefore allowed.

-Another pantry drive for the Outreach Center is scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup>. Our last drive provided 190 pounds of food.

-Kevin McCutcheon will speak at the October General Meeting for the Marines Toys for Tots. Amy suggested that in addition to donating toys, volunteers could pick up the toys at various sites and drop them off at the convention center. Nancy will ask Kevin to bring a list of drop-off sites for volunteers to select.

-Amy presented the draft for volunteer buttons. Several types were discussed, and it was determined to look into the cost of magnet attachments.

Special Events: Amy noted that we now have a supply list to utilize for events.

-Amy reviewed the past events and reported the following upcoming events:

**8/5** - Beer and Wine Tasting at Lowes Foods in Viewmont. This will be the final event organized by the Patricks this year. Amy will ask for volunteers at the General Meeting if this is to continue.

**8/9 & 8/18** -Movie days at the Chizen's. Popcorn, sodas, tea and water will be provided. Movies start at 2:00 PM. The movies are Top Gun and the first Downton Abbey.

**8/16** – Tour of Catawba County Museum of History. Cost is \$10. Tour is at 10:00 AM followed by lunch at B-52's.

**8/22** – Tubing at Catawba River Outdoors in Marion at 9:15 AM. Following tubing, lunch at Pepperoni's.

**8/30** - Trip to Mt. Airy

**9/9** – Tour of Harper house at 1:30 with ice cream treats following.

**9/15** – Pontoon Party.

Cards and Games: Adra reported that the only games planned at present are Samba tonight and the evening of 8/25.

Programs: Kathy K. reported that the CVCC President, Dr. Garrett Hinshaw, will speak at the August General Meeting.

-Kathy K. suggested that the Newcomers participate in the Shining Hope 5/10K fundraiser on 9/10. A motion was made by Nancy, seconded by Amy and the motion passed. There will be a signup sheet at the August General Meeting.

- The following are the upcoming programs:

September – Something apolitical about voting.

October – Kevin McCutcheon on Toys for Tots.

November – Field trip to Bethlehem Nursery to make container creations.

December – Cookie Exchange and a choir TBD.

New Business:

-Proposal to replace monthly program with charity speakers the first month of each quarter. Motion moved by Adra, seconded by Nancy and the motion passed.

-Adra and Amy suggested that there may be a need for a publicity person, and Cathi said she would add the position to the volunteer vacancies.

-A process needs to be developed to enter new applicants in the system. Adra, Rob and Kathy R. will write up their parts in the process.

-Adra will send each Board Member a list of dropped members. These will also go to appropriate committees to update their member lists.

Next General Meeting: August 10, 2022

Next Board Meeting: August 24, 2022, at 10:00 AM prior to the Newcomers luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Mills

Secretary