

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley
Board Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Cathi Montgomery, President, at 10:05 at the Patrick Beaver Library. Members present were Cathi Montgomery, Amy Chizen, Karen Mills, Rob Herman, Adra Kryszczuk, Nancy Geiger and guests Sharon Snellings and Sonya Reid. Absent were Kathy Rosea and Kathy Kuehn. Adra moved that guests be allowed to speak. Motion moved and passed. The minutes of the September meeting were approved and passed.

Membership: Rob reported that there were 4 new applicants. Total membership is 314.

Treasurer: Kathy was absent. Unfinished business from last meeting not yet completed.

Charities: Nancy reported that the upcoming quarter charity is Toys for Tots. The last collection will be December 8th.

-Adra suggested that Our Nest Diaper Pantry could be a possible new charity.

-Teen baskets are requesting 72 baskets. Adra can distribute baskets on November 4th to be returned by November 30th.

Special Events: Amy reported that the Soup/Chili Cookoff has been postponed to a later date.

11/15 – Lunch at 4 Peas in a Pod and shopping at Fantastic Finds.

12/9 – Tour of Hart Square from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. The cost is \$20/per person.

Amy will provide a list of upcoming activities to give to the person taking over Special Events.

Cards and Games:

10/27 - Adra reported that there will be 5 tables for Samba run by Linda and Royce Dunn.

11/1 – Canasta and Games

11/17 - Samba

Programs: Kathy K. absent. The November program will be offsite at Bethlehem Gardens Greenhouse.

Old Business:

-Board election slate was discussed. The final slate will be presented to the Board at the November meeting. The vote will be at the General Meeting on December 14th.

-Policy for new member applications is in process. Adra presented the Webmaster process. Rob and Kathy R. have not yet provided their assigned processes.

-The Winter Party planning committee consists of Cathi, Rob and Jon and has been scheduled for January 20th or 21st at Duke's.

New Business:

-The Board discussed concerns regarding too many off-site meetings. It was determined that a program schedule would be made and distributed to the membership. The board members will need to adhere to the schedule and provide her program plans to the board for approval 60-90 days prior to the meetings. It was suggested that candidates present a short biography in letter form and a photo to Cathi for election nominees.

-Sharon S. expressed concern logistically with evening meetings as the Café is closed. She will contact the café manager regarding coffee, etc.

-Rob moved that a Thanksgiving orphan program be established where people can invite or be invited to Thanksgiving at member's homes. Adra moved, Nancy seconded, passed. Rob will announce in the next newsletter.

Next General Meeting: November 9, 2022, offsite at Bethlehem Gardens Greenhouse.

Next Board Meeting: November 21, 2022, at 10:00 AM at Patrick Beaver Library. (The secretary will not be available on this date).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Mills
Secretary