

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley
Board Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Cathi Montgomery, President, at 10:08 at the Patrick Beaver Library. Members present were Cathi Montgomery, Amy Chizen, Kathy Rosea, Karen Mills, Rob Herman, Adra Kryszczuk, and Nancy Geiger. Absent was Kathy Kuehn. The minutes of the October meeting were corrected, approved and passed.

Membership: Rob has finished his part of the process for new member applications, Adra and Rob's part of the process has been combined and they are awaiting the treasurer's part of the process for completion. Rob reported 4 new members in late October.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Kathy provided last quarter's report. No activity in October. Budget needs some revisions before being completed. The process for debit card use is unfinished. Kathy will email both processes to board members when they are completed. The treasurer's report was approved and passed.

Charities: Nancy presented multiple ideas for the coming years as follows: Diaper Drive, Shining Hope, CCM, South Mountain Children's Home including Easter Baskets, Robins Nest, Make-a-Wish. Make-a-Wish prefers gift cards and may be a separate fund-raiser. The following was decided:

1st Quarter – Our Nest Diaper Drive. Will present at January meeting. This is a part of the Children's Resource Center.

2nd Quarter – South Mountain Children's Home

3rd Quarter – Shining Hope

4th Quarter – Toys for Tots

End of the year (March) checks will be directed to the four counties, in the Catawba Valley.

Special Events: Amy reported that the Bethlehem Nursery tour was well received with a good turnout.

December 9th is scheduled for Hart Square. 26 people have signed up with a cash only entrance fee. Amy reported that Evie Gibson will be taking on Chair of the Special Events Committee.

It was recommended that Newcomers have a float in the Christmas parade next year. This was met with enthusiasm.

Chatty Crafters and Book Club are both going well.

There was a good turnout at this month's lunch out.

Cards and Games: Adra reported that December 6th will be cards and games. December 15th will be Samba.

Programs: Kathy Kuehn was absent, but Cathi reported that instead of the choral group, we would be leading a holiday sing-along. Adra will arrange to have instruments.

New Business:

December General Meeting will include the BOD elections and a cookie exchange.

Board Elections – Cathi presented the candidate roster and biographies with photos. This will be sent out to the full membership. Sharon will type up voting ballots and two people from the membership at large will count the ballots.

Winter Holiday Party – is scheduled for January 21st at Duke's. Cathi has a party plan proposal for the planning committee. Costs were discussed with the following suggestions:

- 1) It was moved to raise the cost to members to \$30 – passed.
- 2) Change the appetizers
- 3) Continue to have drink coupons

Board Transition Luncheon – Luncheon scheduled for January 25th at 11:00 at Dos Amigos in Conover.

Next General Meeting: December 14th at 10:30 at the Hickory Airport.

Next Board Meeting: December 28th at 10:00 AM at Patrick Beaver Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Mills
Secretary