

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley  
Board Meeting Minutes  
December 28, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Cathi Montgomery, President, at 10:00 a.m. at the Patrick Beaver Library. Members present were Cathi Montgomery, Amy Chizen, Kathy Rosea, Karen Mills, Rob Herman, Adra Kryszczuk, and Nancy Geiger. Also present was incoming Vice President, Debbie Hindman. Absent was Kathy Kuehn. Adra moved that non-members be allowed to speak – passed. The minutes of the November meeting were corrected, approved, and passed.

**Membership:** Rob reported that a total of 69 members had joined in 2022. He noted that this was the highest number of new members joining in a year. The cocktail party for new members will be held January 16th. 38 invitations were sent with 17 yeses including 8 officers and 9 members. He will resend the invitation to those that have not yet responded. Board members are to bring heavy hors d'oeuvres.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Treasurer:** Kathy presented the expense report for the past 3 months. The dues letter needs to be out by January 15<sup>th</sup>. The annual budget will be available by the end of the week for review. The Newcomers zoom account has been cancelled.

**Charities:** Nancy reported that Holly Aldridge of our Nest Diaper Pantry will be the speaker for the January meeting and the charity for the first quarter. A notice will be sent out prior to the meeting regarding donations. The second speaker will be Angela Lawrence, Executive Director of the Patrick Beaver Learning Resource Center to speak about becoming a trained Augustine Literacy Project® tutor. The Augustine Literacy Project® trains, coaches, and supports volunteers who provide free, one-on-one literacy tutoring to struggling readers from low-income families.

**Special Events:** Amy listed several potential events that are upcoming:

- Tour of the Art Museum exhibit
- Tour of the Mint Museum display – Fashion Reimagined
- A February trip to Morganton
- Sheep shearing in March

**Cards and Games:** Adra reported that Canasta and Games is moving to January 10th. Rummikub is moving to Sunday, January 15th. Samba is on the evening of January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Programs:** Kathy Kuehn left a message that the February program will be a Master Gardener.

**Old Business:**

- Sandi Shear has volunteered to do the newsletter.
- A publicity chair is still needed.
- Canasta and Games needs volunteer chairs. Kathy Rosea volunteered for evening Samba.
- The new member application process has been completed. The chronology of the process was discussed and moved to be tabled until new officers are on board.
- Winter Holiday Party: Jon reports that 47 have signed up. He expects 75 to 80. Adra voiced concern that guests were not identified on the list of paid attendees provided by Jon.
- Rob discussed the cost of flower arrangements. It was moved, seconded, and passed that Rob would be able to manage the costs.
- John and Nancy Geiger will provide the speakers for music. A disco light system was approved per Rob's request.

**New Business:** The Newcomers need a new Webmaster – Possibly Greg Gervasio.

- Black Mountain Children's Home gifts cost \$100.83 over planned expense.
- An audit committee consisting of Vince LeGrand, Sonja Reid and Cathi Montgomery will confirm the Treasurer's books.

Next General Meeting: January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at the Hickory Airport.

Next Board Meeting: January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at Dos Amigos in Conover for transition to the new officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Mills  
Secretary