

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Cathi Montgomery, President, at 11:16 a.m. at Dos Amigos Restaurant in Conover. Cathi welcomed everyone and introductions were made for incoming and outgoing positions of members present.

**Officers:**

Adra Kryszczuk - incoming President, Cathi Montgomery – outgoing President, Debbie Hindman – incoming Vice President, Rob Herman – outgoing Vice President, Sonya Reid – incoming Treasurer, Kathy Rosea – outgoing Treasurer, Sharon Snellings – incoming Secretary, Karen Mills – outgoing Secretary.

**Directors:** Nancy Geiger, Evie Gibson, Rob Herman, Kathy Rosea.

**Chairs:**

Evie Gibson and Amy Chizen – Special Events Committee  
Kathy Kuehn – Programs  
Kathy Rosea – Evening Samba  
Sandi Shear – Newsletter Editor  
Debbie Hindman – Rummikub  
Sharon Snellings – Hospitality  
Jon Kiser – Team Cuisine and Winter Gala

Adra Kryszczuk moved that non-members be allowed to speak – passed. The minutes of the December meeting were approved as written.

**Membership:** Debbie Hindman reported that 69 new members joined in 2022 and 13 new members have joined in January of 2023. Total membership is 328.

**Secretary:** Sharon Snellings was welcomed as the incoming Secretary.

**Treasurer:** Kathy Rosea presented the fourth quarter report with an ending balance of \$5,706.00. Winter Gala expenses will be in next month's report. Cathi M. will contact Vince LeGrand to schedule the auditing of the club's records. The dues letter will be sent out soon. Adra Kryszczuk will contact the unpaid members. The annual budget will be reviewed by Adra Kryszczuk and entered into the records.

**Charities:** Nancy Geiger reported that diapers and supplies will continue to be collected for Our Nest Diaper Pantry for the remainder of the quarter.

**Special Events:** Amy reported that a Special Events Committee meeting was held January 17th with 17 members in attendance. There was much enthusiasm and new ideas: Meet-ups will be described in the next newsletter. The Fifth Friday Crafters will meet in the months that have a 5<sup>th</sup> Friday and work on a specific craft.

Upcoming plans: Axe Throwing in February, Beer and Wine Tasting, Events will be scheduled for both evening and daytime, Combining the Annual Picnic and the Pontoon Party for mid-June. It was suggested that the Hickory Museum of Art be approached as a sponsor due to the success of the recent event there.

**Cards and Games:** Adra Kryszczuk will put an article in the newsletter to recruit a Canasta Coordinator. Shari Kidd will take over Dominoes; Kathy Rosea will take over Samba; Elaine Knobloch will start Mahjongg and Debbie Hindman is interested in starting Cribbage.

**Programs:** Kathy Kuehn reported that the speakers for upcoming meetings will be February: David Brodham, a Master Gardener, on getting your garden ready, **March:** Michael Hauser from CVCC on cyber and artificial intelligence, **April:** Representative from South Mountain Children's Home, **May:** Master Gardeners

**Old Business:** The issue of items for sale in the newsletter was discussed. The Board members decided that items for sale would only be listed in Bob Jones' *Items of Interest* column rather than the newsletter. A letter from Vince LeGrand regarding poor communication from the board was discussed. Cathi M. thanked all participants for the Winter Gala success, especially Rob H. and Jon K. Saving seats was discussed and tabled for input from the new board.

**New Business:**

Next General Meeting: February 8th at 10:30 a.m. at the Hickory Airport.

Next Board Meeting: February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Patrick Beaver Library.

A thank you gift was presented to Cathi Montgomery for her three years as President.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Mills  
Secretary