

Newcomers of Catawba Valley
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Adra Kryszczuk, President, at 10:03 at Adra's residence. Members present were Adra Kryszczuk, Debbie Hindman, Sonya Reid, Sharon Snellings, Evie Gibson, Rob Herman, Nancy Geiger, and Cathi Montgomery. Kathy Rozea was absent. The minutes of the February Board meeting were presented, with corrections made based on Board member email feedback. Cathi Montgomery made a motion to accept the minutes and Rob Herman seconded the motion. The February minutes were approved.

Membership: Debbie Hindman reported that six individuals joined the club in February and four people have joined so far in March. Several applications are pending at this time. To encourage new membership, Cathi will put a message on Facebook alerting people to the April General Meeting (to be held in the evening). Debbie noted that she will be travelling for the month of April and the early part of May.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Sonya reported that she has received dues payments from 219 members, leaving 127 members still to pay their annual dues. Sonya provided Board members with the current budget (2022-2023) which now reflects actual income and expenses which she derived from the financial records. Sonya also provided a new format for the budget which the Board reviewed. Using the new format, Sonya presented a proposed budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The Board engaged in a discussion of the proposed budget and recommended some minor formatting changes as well as some changes to the proposed amounts allocated for several large or recurring events. Sonya will make those changes and bring the proposed budget to the Board for final approval during the April meeting.

Of note, Sonya recommended that we plan to reduce the amount of our end-of-year carry over, in accordance with fiscal regulations for non-profit organizations. Board members made multiple suggestions for possible expenditures during the upcoming year. The Board approved an addition to the budget that would provide for catering the new member receptions (three events) this year. Debbie indicated plans for the first of these receptions to be held May 30th at the airport.

Charities:

1. Nancy reported that our speaker for the April General Meeting will be Chris Jernigan, Southmountain Children and Family Services. Nancy will be sending out an email to all Club members prior to the meeting to list items needed by the organization (i.e., twin sheets, pillows, comforters, washcloths, towels, toilet paper). Nancy will not be present at the meeting and Adra will introduce the speaker.

2. Based on a previous request from Unique World, the Club will allow a representative to set up a pop-up store at the July 12th evening meeting. The representative will be given 10 minutes to explain the purpose of Unique World and to identify any possible volunteer opportunities to the Club members.
3. Club member Michelle Thompkins is approved to speak for 10 minutes at the May General Meeting to describe her request for support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Michelle will be conducting a donation drive asking for gift cards from a variety of locations. Club members will be instructed to send the donated cards to the Club (or give them to a Board member) and a group donation will be provided to Michelle.
4. Nancy made a motion to increase the donation amount to \$200 for both the Good Samaritan Food Pantry and Our Nest Diaper Drive. Motion was approved. Sonya noted that the records did not reflect a payment to the Good Samaritan Food Pantry as of this date. Adra instructed her to write a check and Adra would ensure that it was delivered.
5. Adra noted that the Club has traditionally made donations at the end of the budget year to three charities that do not take items/supplies. Typically, these donations are in the amount of \$200. Adra and Nancy will identify possible charities for this purpose.

Special Events: Evie reported the following plans made by the Special Events committee:

March 29: Hike on Fonta Flora Trail (5 mile hike), meet at airport 8:00, lunch after TBD

March 31: Meet up to attend the play, Madame Buttermilk

March 31: 5th Friday Crafts, Airport, 10-12, Diamond Dotz bookmark, \$5 (\$3 craft, \$2 room)

April 14: 2nd Friday Beer & Wine Tasting, Lowe's, Viewmont or TBD

April 17: SEC meeting 10-12, library

April 18: Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, meet 9:15 leave airport 9:30, lunch after TBD, return by 2:00

April 21: Korner's Folly, Kernsville, NC more details to come

May 6: Kentucky Derby Party, Chizen home, 4-7pm, Western Theme, BBQ provided by club, sides and desserts, by attendees, BYOB

May 26: Crawdads Game, 6-9pm, \$26 includes ticket, dinner and ice cream plus fireworks after the game

June 4: Wine and cheese reception prior to Kinky Boots at Hickory Community Theatre, matinee, more details to come

June 11: Annual picnic and pontoon party, Montgomery home, committee to provide meat, sides and desserts by attendees, BYOB

June 30: 5th Friday Crafts, place TBD, flower arranging by Rob Herman

Evie made a motion that the Club purchase a \$16 portable first aid kit that will be available for Special Events. Sharon seconded the motion and the Board approved the purchase. Evie noted that she will be travelling and not in attendance at the April and May Board meetings and that Amy Chizen will attend to provide updates.

Old Business: Sharon brought up the issue of payment for the Crosswind Café during the four evening meetings to be held this year. The problem is that members have not been buying

drinks (coffee or ice tea) at either of the two evening meetings we have held so far (November and January). This results in a very small payment (\$4 - \$6) to the Café for the drinks and the use of the room. After a discussion, Rob made a motion to pay the Café a flat fee of \$30 for the evening meetings. Debbie seconded the motion and the Board approved the payments. Sonya will amend the budget to reflect this quarterly payment.

New Business:

1. In line with the discussion to spend some of the Club's current balance, the Board discussed whether we should re-order advertising cards. Currently, we are only aware of a small number of people who reported that they heard about NCV in this way. No volunteer is currently monitoring the cards that have been placed. Adra will check with Amy Chizen to see if she has the current supply of cards. Alternatively, the Board will consider websites and other online sources of advertising. Sonya volunteered to reach out to local developers in her area to see if they would include NCV information on their websites.
2. Adra notified the Board that she had made a change to the membership application in hopes of making it clear that each new member must complete the form. Currently, some married couples are using one form and not providing full information.
3. Adra reported that Lisa Raggio (a new member) will take over issuing the Saturday announcement email, updating the online calendar and posting pictures to the website.

Next General Meeting – Wednesday, April 12th at 7:30 (EVENING MEETING)

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 26th at 10:00 am – Library

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Snellings, Secretary