

Newcomers of Catawba Valley Board Meeting
June 28, 2023 10:00 a.m.
Patrick Beaver Library

The meeting was called to order by President, Adra Kryszczuk at 10:02 a.m. Members present were Kathy Rozea, Nancy Geiger, Cathi Montgomery, Debbie Hindman, Sonya Reid, Evie Gibson and Amy Chizen as a guest. Rob Herman and Sharon Snellings were absent.

Cathi Montgomery made a motion to allow guests to speak, seconded by Evie Gibson. Motion passed.

Cathi then made a motion to accept the May minutes and Evie seconded that. Motion passed.

Adra said she confirmed with Kathy Kuehn that Karen Phoenix from Project C.A.R.E will the program at the August General Meeting and Kathy needs to confirm with Paramount Classic cars for the September meeting in August.

Debbie Hindman reported we have four (4) renewing members in June. Discussion followed about whether members who quit and then decided to rejoin should have to fill out the membership forms again and it was decided they should.

Amy Chizen also brought up she knows of five (5) members who consistently bring their spouses as guests. The board discussed how to handle the issue and it was decided that Adra will contact them personally and explain that their spouses need to join to continue coming to the events. She will send out an email to the club about the policy along with putting it in the August newsletter.

Adra is also going to remind folks in August newsletter of the correct address for the club.

The board discussed the last new members' reception. Debbie and Cathi are going to ask John Duke about catering the September reception. The next two (2) dates were set up: Monday September 25th and Tuesday January 30th. Members who have been invited in the past but weren't able to come will be invited until they are able to make one.

Lastly under New Members it was pointed out we are almost out of mugs. Adra shared some attractive pens that would have our name and address on them and only cost about \$1.75 each including shipping which we could give the new members instead of the mugs. She will put in an order.

Sonya Reid gave a treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$5,920.51 as of this morning.

Nancy Geiger said the last of the collection for Southmountain Children's Home was going to be delivered today and Sonya is mailing them a check for \$500.00. Patrice

Gibson from Shining Hope Farms (our 3rd quarter charity) would be the program for our July 12th General Meeting and Eli Glynn from Unique World Gifts will have a pop-up store at the meeting and speak for 10 minutes about the shop and how people can volunteer if they are interested.

Adra asked Nancy to come up with a list of possible charities for January at the next board meeting.

Amy Chizen updated the board about upcoming events.

- The Pool Party is on July 15th
- Battle Ax Mead House will either be July 6, 7, 18 or 20th
- Music Bingo will be either July 19 or 26th
- Escape Room possibly the 3rd of August
- Tubbing the 29 or 30th of August
- And another Music Bingo in August

She said Karlene Patrick is looking into looking into a distillery as something different. She showed the Newcomers' sign we will use for lunches and dinners out. We have 10 made up. It was announced that Denise Hogestyn will be our lunch/dinner program coordinator.

Amy also talked about doing a poll asking members how they feel about overnight trips. She said Survey Monkey costs now. Sonya suggested using Google Forms and said she could set it up for Amy.

Amy also suggested the Special Events committee should be split in two: Events and Activities. She will discuss this with the committee at their next meeting.

Old Business - Rob Herman supplied the Board with info on the Garden Gurus. Adra will ask him to flesh it out.

The date for the Holiday party was set – it will be January 13th at Dukes.

New Business – the board discussed sponsoring a hole for the Marine Corp Golf Tournament on Sept 25th at LHCC with the \$100.00 we didn't spend on the new members' reception. Cathi made the motion and Kathy Rozea seconded it. Motion passed.

Next General Meeting – Wednesday, July 12, 2023 - 7:30 p.m.

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 26, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy Geiger, Acting Secretary