

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Adra Kryszczuk, President, at 10:00 a.m. at Adra Kryszczuk's residence. Members present were: Adra Kryszczuk, Sonya Reid, Sharon Snellings, Cathi Montgomery, Evie Gibson, and Rob Herman. The following members were absent: Debbie Hindman, Nancy Geiger and Kathy Rozea. Adra noted that VP Debbie Hindman will be out of town for the next month. No guests were present at the meeting.

The minutes from the June Board meeting were presented and no corrections/changes were made. NOTE: The Board did not meet in July. Cathi Montgomery made a motion to accept the minutes and Rob Herman seconded the motion. The minutes of the June Board meeting were approved.

Upcoming Events

- Adra noted that the speaker for the September 13th General Meeting will be Cassandra Rising from Children's Home Society. The focus of her presentation will be on foster homes.
- On September 9th, the Club will be participating in the Shining Hope Farms fundraising run/walk. Adra will not be participating due to her recent injury. One member (Darren Beeksman) will participate, and Sonya, Nancy and John Geiger will be volunteering. A reminder will go out to Club members regarding how to sign up to volunteer and make monetary donations. Sonya noted that she has already received some donations.

Membership

In Debbie's absence, Adra reported that 6 new members joined in July and 4 new members joined so far in August.

Treasurer

Sonya reported a current balance of \$5527.74 and noted that Club members have donated \$320 to support the Shining Hope Farms race/walk on September 9th.

Charities

Adra reported that the fourth quarter (Oct-Dec) charity will be Toys for Tots.

Special Events

Evie reported the following upcoming events:

Tubing – August 30th

Special Events Committee meeting – September 7th

Tour of Fort Dobbs – September 26 (tentative based on new member reception)

Fifth Friday Craft (Acrylic Pour) – September 29th

Evie provided the results of the Multi-Day Travel Survey and reported that a trip to Seagrove is planned for November 6-7, 2023 and a trip to Asheville will be planned for April, 2024.

Quarterly New Member Reception

Cathi Montgomery reported that the New Member Reception will be held on September 26th at Duke's restaurant from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Given Cathi's upcoming travel, POC for this event will be Adra. We can call the day before to provide the number of attendees. Discussion ensued on food/drinks to be ordered. Sonya will handle the necessary deposit to the restaurant.

Hickory Christmas Parade – Newcomers Float

The Club will be creating a float for the parade (to be held November 17th). We need a theme, volunteers to construct and decorate.

2024 Holiday Party

Cathi reported that the party will be held at Duke's in the banquet room used last year and the date will be January 13, 2024. A committee is needed to organize the event.

Nomination Committee for Board of Directors

Cathi noted that a committee is needed to nominate members for the 2025 Board of Directors.

Old Business

Rob Herman reported on the following upcoming events for Garden Gurus:

- Seed & Plant Exchange – Glenn Hilton Park on September 21st at 11:00. Potluck lunch to follow.
- Creekside Nursery in Dallas, NC on October 26th – presentation on how to prepare gardens for winter.
- Holiday wreath making on November 30th at Amy Chizen's. Supplies will be provided for a small fee.

New Business

The Board previously voted to send birthday cards to all members beginning in January 2024. Following discussion, Cathi Montgomery made a motion for the Club to make a one-time purchase of a Hallmark cardmaking program as well as accompanying envelopes. Evie seconded the motion and Board approved the motion. Sonya will use the Club's laptop and printer to print out the cards and a volunteer is needed to address and send out the cards each month.

Next General Meeting – Wednesday, September 13th @ 10:30 a.m. (Hickory Airport)

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 27th @ 10:00 a.m. (Library)

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Snellings, Secretary