

## **Newcomers of Catawba Valley General Meeting**

**June 8, 2016**

President Carol Hoover called the meeting to order at 10:40 am at the Hickory Airport. Carol began the meeting mentioning that she and Ginny Koch brought food to share with the membership. She reminded members that they should put a dollar in the coffee jar for drinks that they have. She also advised the attendees that one of our members, Al Beck, had recently succumbed to ALS. A card was distributed for members to sign and contribute to the flowers that Carol had purchased.

Dianne Straley introduced two guest couples. The first couple was Greg and Judy Dostall from Charlotte and recently retired to Taylorsville. The second couple was Dale and Christine Pfingst who have returned to Hickory by way of Texas.

Carol asked for a motion to approve the minutes from last month. John Bates so moved and Kevin McCutchen seconded the motion.

Our guest speaker, Allison Holtzman a founder of the Friends of Hickory, gave a very informative presentation about the work the Friends of Hickory is doing to make Hickory a more attractive, welcoming place to live. She reviewed plans for a new park in downtown Hickory and gave a quick overview of the bond issue regarding the 7 mile walking/bike path being built in Hickory.

Joe Pausa reminded members of what our monthly charity, the Hickory Soup Kitchen, needs for the quarter. The needs include: tomato sauce, beef stock, small plates, creamer, black pepper and hand sanitizer.

Brian drew the 50/50 raffle in Adra Kryszczuk's absence and Edward Sawicki was the winner.

Vince reported that the starting balance for May was \$3,903.29, income for dues and miscellaneous was \$185.00; expenses for the month were \$21.15, which left a balance of \$4,067.14 as of May 31.

Carol told the group that we now have more permanent name tags. They have been printed and put into plastic sleeves and need to be handed in at the end of each function. Carol said that she has been tracking 14 new household members to be sure that their needs are being met by the club. She mentioned that as a club we are going to provide rides for members who may be unable to attend evening functions because of driving difficulties. There is a service for Al Beck this afternoon at 4 pm at Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church. She reminded members of tonight's Game Night, the Crawdad's social June 18 and the Piedmont Wagon tour and optional lunch on June 20.

Carol reminded members to utilize the monthly calendar on the web site because of the many functions being held. In regards to that, bowling is not being held during the summer.

The mic was opened to the membership. Brian Hoover said that names on the name tags were pulled from the member list. If anyone wants something different just let him know. Harriet Bates said she was born in Hickory and wants to thank our speaker for all she and her group is doing for Hickory. Kevin McCutchen reminded members that there will be a way to help support Toys for Tots with an upcoming golf tournament. Lonny McSherley mentioned that Roan Mountain is in full bloom with Rhododendrons right now. Carol reminded members that a list of NC Parks is available on our website.

Carol offered congratulations to John Bates for his performance in Young Frankenstein, a recent play at the Hickory Community Theater that many Newcomers enjoyed.

Carol reminded members of the June 22 board meeting to be held at the Patrick Beaver Library. The next General Meeting will be held July 13 at 10:30.

Submitted by:  
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Secretary