

Newcomers of Catawba Valley General Meeting

July 13, 2016

John Bates called the meeting to order at 10:42 am.

Diane Straley introduced new members and guests. They included

- Fred and Rachel Parnell who moved to Hickory 2 months ago but have been in NC for 35 years;
- Rosie Bray who moved here from Pennsylvania 6 months ago;
- Dale and Christine Fingst who returned to Hickory last October from the Southwest Michigan/Indiana State line but lived here for 4 years 25 years ago;
- and another newcomer from Pennsylvania, Lori Gervasio who was a member of Newcomers in Pennsylvania and feels the club is a good way to find out about the area.

The minutes from June's meeting were approved as distributed by common consent.

Dianne Straley introduced our guest speaker, Richard Ball, who has set up and is the head of the Physicians Assistant program at Lenoir Rhyne University. The presentation told us the history of Physician Assistants and why they are so important to communities in today's world.

In Joe Paussa's absence, John Bates reminded members of our monthly charity, the Women's Resource Center.

Lori Gervasio drew the 50/50 raffle Rosie Bray was the winner.

Vince reported that the starting balance for June was \$4,067.14, income from dues, advertising and miscellaneous was \$79.00; expenses for the month were \$34.74, which left a balance of \$4,111.40 as of June 30.

John advised us that samples of updated rate and rack cards were available. He reminded us to check the website for our advertisers when we have any specific needs before we send out an email blast. We should support our advertisers whenever we can.

The mic was opened to the membership. Barb Beck mentioned that the Art Museum will have a presentation on the square in Newton Oct 1. Adra reminded us of Game Night tonight at the airport. Bob explained what Items of Interest in for the benefit of guests and new members. Kevin McCutchen brought up advertising for the Marine Corp Golf Event and John said that it was being brought up at the next board meeting.

John adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

Submitted by:
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Secretary