

Newcomers of Catawba Valley General Meeting

August 13, 2016

Carol Hoover called the meeting to order at 10:44 a.m.

Monty Matthews introduced new members and guests. They included

- Fred and Rachel Parnell who attended last month's meeting. They moved to Hickory two months ago from New Bern NC and
- Denise Kadciscinski, a guest of new member, Lori Gervasio who joined last at month's meeting.

The minutes from July's meeting were amended to reflect that the new members and guests had been introduced by Monty Matthews rather than by Dianne Straley. There was a motion to approve the July minutes as amended by John Bates, seconded by Dianne Straley. The motion passed by common consent.

Dianne Straley introduced our guest speaker, Joe Depa, Corporate Communications Manager at CommScope. Joe outlined the history of CommScope, which came to Catawba County in 1976 as a coaxial cable company, and how it has grown to be one of the largest of the four or five fiber optic companies. He noted that our community houses the largest cluster of fiber optic industries in the nation if not the world. He also noted that without all of the miles of fiber optics, our wireless world could not exist!

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

There was \$26.00 in the 50/50 raffle, Chuck Bethany was the winner. \$13.00 was given to Chuck and \$13.00 to Vince for the quarterly charity.

Vince reported that the starting balance for July was \$4,111.40, income from dues, advertising and miscellaneous was \$120.00; expenses for the month were \$784.75, which left a balance of \$3,446.65 as of July 31.

The mic was opened to the membership. Kudos were given to the Schwartz's for their organization and handling of the Pontoon outing. Adra reminded us of Game Night tonight at the airport. Vince and Michele noted that the Pool Party scheduled for August 27 at their home will happen, rain or shine.

Carol reviewed the calendar events listed on the agenda: Pool Party (8/27), Cookout and Lawn Games (9/17), West Side Story at the Green Room (9/25), Halloween Party (10/28) and the Holiday Party (12/16). Ginny Koch reminded everyone that there is also a shopping/antiquing trip to Hendersonville in October (19th).

There being no further business, Carol adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by:
Adra Kryszczuk
Acting Secretary