

Newcomers of Catawba Valley General Meeting

Sept 14 2016

Carol Hoover called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Monty Matthews introduced new members and guests. They included

- Ken and Haydee Pujdak from Long Island, NY
- Peggy Meyers from Lansing NC
- Barbara Bell from Chapel Hill, NC
- Dottie Demarest from Augusta, GA and
- Chris Almedin from Jacksonville, NC

The minutes from August's meeting were approved after a motion from Bob Jones with a second from Lynn Montgomery.

John Bates introduced our guest speaker, John Marshall, the transportation planner from the Western Piedmont Council of Government. John explained the many upcoming road changes and the proposed changes through the next 20 years. He emphasized how these changes are designed to improve the increased use of Catawba County road as our population grows.

We had a brief break after the guest speaker to allow guests who were here only to hear the updates from John a chance to leave before the balance of our business meeting.

Joe Paussa's reminded members that Sept is the last month for the club to collect donations for our quarterly charity, the Women's Resource Center.

There was \$54.00 in the 50/50 raffle which was won by a guest who had left, but had instructed Dianne Starley to donate the entire amount to the quarterly charity.

Vince reported that the starting balance for July was \$3,446.65, income 163.00; expenses for the month were \$113.94, which left a balance of \$3,495.71 as of August 31, 2016.

Carol asked members to check out the upcoming events listed on the meeting agenda. She also mentioned that the planning committee met recently and there are lots more events in the planning stage so everyone should be sure and check the website regularly. Sheri Kidd reminded members that volunteers are needed for all future events.

Sheri Binning told members about the Caldwell Broyhill Civic Center's upcoming Greek dinner.

Bob Jones reminded members of the importance of using the subject line in their emails.

Under new business club member Jon Snellings raised two issues: 1. The hope that meetings could be less rushed and 2. He questioned the need for such a high balance in the treasury. A vote was held and the majority of members present would be OK with starting the meeting earlier. The treasury issue will be addressed by the Board.

Kevin McCutchen thanked Newcomers for their sponsorship in the 2016 Marie Corps League Charities Golf Tournament to be held Oct 8 at Rock Barn.

The October 15th antiquing trip has had positive response.

Dianne mentioned the article that appeared in the Hickory Daily Record about the Catawba Valley Newcomers group. The article is [the website](#).

There being no further business, Carol adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by:
Pam Moody
Secretary