

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley General Meeting
Hickory Regional Airport
December 14, 2016**

Carol Hoover, President, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the November minutes was made by Vince LeGrand and seconded by Joe Paussa. The motion passed by common consent.

PROGRAM

Linda Gensheimer, Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM) was the guest speaker. CCM was founded in 1969 by ministers who identified a crisis and founded a soup kitchen. More than seventy churches support the 501C3 organization. In 2016 CCM made changes based on the book, Toxic Charity. The focus is to be pro-active in working 'with' clients, 'not for' clients. CCM will focus on meaningful and lasting ways to address long term issues by looking at all facts of individuals (education, medical, financial, and housing). During a ten month period, 15,000 people were served and \$105,000 provided for utility bill assistance.

CCM Volunteer Opportunities:

- o *Mentors for the Networks Program that provides 15 weeks of classes for job seekers*
- o *Thrift store*
- o *Organize a group to prepare one meal a month*
- o *Pharmacy which provides 25,000 prescriptions per year*
- o *Dial 211 to obtain information on CCM*

QUARTERLY CHARITY

Joe Paussa reported the quarterly charity for Toys for Tots was a success. Toys for Tots is sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

Kevin McCutcheon, Toys for Tots thanked Newcomer's for the club's generosity in supporting this valued charity. North Carolina is the third in the nation for donations to Toys for Tots. A plaque of appreciation was given to Newcomers.

50-50 DRAWING

John Bates was the winner of the 50-50 drawing. Funds were collected with half going to John Bates and half to Toys for Tots. John graciously donated \$29 for Toys for Tots.

TREASURER REPORT

Vince LeGrand reported an ending balance of \$4,069.09 for November 30, 2016. Five new members joined in November.

NEW BUSINESS: Newcomers of Catawba Valley Logo

Carol Hoover discussed a logo contest for Newcomers. Submissions are for business cards, thank you cards, and a website banner to include photographs, art works, etc. Information must be submitted in a specific pixel and Carol Hoover will provide the information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Carol reviewed the calendar events listed on the agenda with emphasis on the following.

- **The Big Chill Winter Party:** January 28, 2017 Contact Greg Conrad: gregc5488@charter.net for reservations. Payments made to Martha Conrad or mailed to the Newcomer's address. Fee is \$20.00.
- **General Meeting: January 11, 2017** at 10:30am at Hickory Airport. Program: Brian Frazier, Hickory's planning Director – Extending Hickory's greenway as part of the voter-approved bond issue.

There being no further business, Carol adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Submitted by:
Francine Gissy
Acting Secretary

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