

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley General Meeting
Hickory Regional Airport
January 11, 2017**

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

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the October minutes was made by Adra Kryszczuk and seconded by Louise Judd. The motion passed by common consent.

INTRODUCTION of NEW MEMBERS – Joe Paussa

- **Denise and Kevin Fleck:** Denise is a retired nurse and Kevin is a retired correctional officer from Western New York. The Flecks reside in Hudson.
- **Lola and Greg Williamson:** The Williamson's moved to Hickory from Mississippi.
- **Mark and Laurie Collins:** The Collins moved to Hickory three months ago.
- **Bob Crawford:** Bob moved to Hickory from Rochester, NY.

PROGRAM

Brian Frazier, Hickory City Planning Director, was the guest speaker. Brian presented and information and construction details about lake side greenways and other improvements from the \$40-million bond. Questions may be addressed directly to Brian at (828) 323-7422. The projected 2017 timeline completion includes Gateways, Hickory City ParK-Tennis Courts, Wayfinding and Business Park 1764. The projected 2018 timeline completion includes 29th Ave. and 31st Ave./Sandy Ridge Roundabouts, Riverwalk, Bruce Meisner Park, Deidra Lackey Memorial Park, City Walk – 1 mile urban trail from LRU to Downtown, and Highway 321 Bridge Gateway.

QUARTERLY CHARITY

Joe Paussa reported the quarterly charity is The Corner Table. The Corner Table is a soup kitchen located at 122 N. Main St., Newton, N.C. Nutritious lunches are served to 150 people a day from 11:30am – 12:30pm.

The Corner Table Requested Items:

**Mayo Ranch Dressing Apple Cider Vinegar Egg Noodles Canned Spice Apples
Chicken Broth Beef Broth Whole Canned Potatoes Individual Chips Ketchup
Pudding Cups/Fruit Cups Bisquick Napkins Sandwich Bags 33 Gal. Trash Bags
Plastic Grocery Bags Food Service Gloves**

Contact Summer Jenkins, Executive Director (828) 464-0355 for serving lunches, pick-up deliveries and stockroom help.

50-50 DRAWING

Carol Hoover was the winner of the 50-50 drawing. Funds were collected with half going to Carol (\$34) and half to The Corner Table (\$35).

TREASURER REPORT

Vince LeGrand reported a beginning balance (12/01/16) of \$4,049.09 and ending balance (12/31/16) of \$2,926.62.

FY 2017 Dues: The fiscal year end is March 31, 2017. Renewal dues received by March 31st are \$25 which is a \$5 discount. Mailing Address: Newcomers of Catawba Valley: Box 2425 N. Center Street, #169, Hickory, NC 28601. First time dues remain at \$30.00.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Carol Hoover

Carol thanked John Bates and Diane Straley for submitting an article to the HDR. The nominating committee has been formed and there are two open board positions. The deadline for the Newcomers of Catawba Valley logo is January 30, 2017.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- **States Dinner:** February 25th is a pot luck representing the member's home state followed by bingo and poker.
- **General Meeting:** February 8th at 10:30am at Hickory Airport. Program: Doug Gillis, Charlotte, will present the national effort to breed a blight-resistant American chestnut.
- **Wine and Design:** Contact Denise Bukovan dbukovan@gmail.com

There being no further business, Carol adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Submitted by:
Francine Gissy
Acting Secretary

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