

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley
General Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2017**

Carol Hoover, President, called the meeting to order at 10:44 a.m. and thanked Denise Bukovan and Denise Yow who provided the morning's snacks.

Joe Paussa introduced guests Audrey Rozzelle of Hickory, Rev. Bill Howell, Associate Pastor of Corinth Church and Dr. David Branyon.

MEETING MINUTES

Adra noted that the January minutes should have mentioned a guest, not all new members. Carol asked for a motion for the minutes to be approved as amended. Hedy made the motion and Sharon Snelling seconded. The motion passed by common consent.

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

PROGRAM

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QUARTERLY CHARITY

Joe Paussa reported the quarterly charity is The Corner Table in Newton. He noted that they ask for Mayo, Ranch Dressing, Apple Cider Vinegar, Egg Noodles, Canned Spices, 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. They are also in need of volunteers to serve lunches, stockroom help and for pick-ups and deliveries. Contact Executive Director Summer Jenkins at 828-464-0355.

Joe then presented Carol with a plaque from Toys for Tots stating that Newcomers of Catawba Valley is noted for having collected the most toys of any group this past year for the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots.

50-50 DRAWING

Hedy Paussa covered the 50-50 drawing this month. A total of \$65.00 was collected. The winner was Sharon Snelling who took home \$32.00 with \$33.00 going to The Corner Table.

TREASURER REPORT

Vince LeGrand reported two new members in the past month and a balance of \$2,414.57. He reminded the assembled that renewing members may discount their dues by \$5.00 if they prepay by March 31st. They will only have to pay \$25. Otherwise they'll pay the full \$30.00 after April 1st.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wine & Design workshop February 9th - still has openings - contact Denise Bukovan; Coffee & Conversation at Atlanta Bread on February 24th - contact Sheri Binning and Carol reminded all that they should pick up poker cards for the upcoming States Dinner at any Newcomer event up to February 24th. Prizes will be awarded to the five top Poker hands at that time. Poker cards were distributed.

Carol reminded everyone that the next meeting would cover election of officers and discussion of what events and speakers we would like to have over the coming fiscal year. We were also reminded that there is a challenge to create a new logo for Newcomers of Catawba Valley, so put your creative hats on!

OPEN MIKE

Dianne Straley announced that there will be a tour of the Recycling Plant in Newton on March 24th and Suzie Matthews announced that the Landmark Society will be having a 2-day bus trip to New Bern NC.

There being no further business, Carol adjourned the meeting at noon.

Submitted by:

Adra Kryszczuk, Acting Secretary