

MINUTES

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley
Monthly General Meeting
April 12, 2017
Hickory Regional Airport**

WELCOME: Carol Hoover, President

Carol Hoover called the meeting to order at 10:49am.

Carol stated the Hickory Airport has been very responsive to the needs of Newcomers. The airport has installed two (2) projector screens, added tables for games, and installed two (2) storage containers.

INTRODUCTION of NEW MEMBERS and GUEST: Joe Pausa

Tara Smith: Lives in Caldwell County and is originally from Indiana

Sandy and Paul Pederson: Returning past members

Board Minutes: Francine Gissy

Cindy Donahue made a motion to accept the March 2017 minutes and Kathy Rozea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT: Vince LeGrand

Beginning Balance	March 1, 2017	\$2,092.31
Total Income		\$2,369.00
Ending Balance	March 31, 2017	\$3,901.46

QUARTERLY CHARITY: Joe Pausa

The Humane Society of Burke County – Friends for Animals is the quarterly charity. This is a ‘No Kill’ shelter located in Morganton. The shelter has saved 21,000 animals over 18 years. They receive most of their intakes from the local animal control facility. Animals are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, micro chipped, and heart worm tested. The shelter operates on adoption income, donations and grants.

A list of items needed was distributed to include bedding, first aide, cleaning, food and pet products. ***Newspapers are the #1 item needed as well as harness/leads which can be purchased on Amazon.***

50 – 50 DRAWING: Adra Kryszczuk

A total of \$53 was collected for the Humane Society of Burke County. Paul Pederson won \$26 with \$27 donated to the Humane Society.

PROGRAM: Dr. George Place, Director of the Catawba County Extension Office

- Garden and Lawn Success: Site/Soil/See
- 101 offices in North Carolina
- Free Soil Testing from April – November of each year
- Master Gardner's are needed and Dr. Place stated experience is not required. The program is held at the Patrick Beaver library.
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- **Sign up for monthly updates: <http://catawba.ces.ncsu.edu>**

SPECIAL and NEW EVENTS

- Crawdads outing on May 12th. Tickets are \$18 for picnic and game.

The General Meeting ended at 12:06pm.

Next General Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 2017/ 10:30am/Hickory Airport. The program is a discussion on breast cancer.

Minutes submitted by,
Francine Gissy
Treasurer