

## MINUTES

### **Newcomers of Catawba Valley General Meeting**

**July 11, 2018**  
**Hickory Regional Airport**

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#### **Welcome: Joe Paussa**

Joe called the meeting to order at 10:43am. He welcomed members and Guests, and thanked Brenda Ireland and Hedy Paussa for bringing refreshments.

#### **Minutes: Brenda Ireland**

Motion was made by Dale Pflingst to accept the June 13, 2018 minutes done by Francine Gissy, and was seconded by Brenda Ireland.

#### **Introduction of Guests: Joe Paussa**

Joe welcomed all guests and introduced new people.

#### **Treasurer Report: Vince LeGrand**

Beginning Balance	June 1, 2018	\$ 4,252.18
Income		155.00
Expenses		325.65
Ending Balance	June 30 2018	\$ 4,081.53

#### **Quarterly Charity: Joe Paussa**

Our current Quarterly Charity is **Robin's Nest**, which is a nationally accredited Children's Advocacy Center. Here child victims of sexual and severe physical abuse are provided child-specific services that include compassionate forensic interviews, medical examinations, counseling and advocacy services. Providing these services at a single site helps decrease the trauma these children face, speed the healing process, and increase the likelihood of conviction of offenders.

#### **Quarterly Sponsors: Dale Pflingst**

Dale reported that there was no new information for July.

#### **Program: Dianne Straley**

**Guest speaker, Fred Whitt**, President of Lenoir-Rhyne University, and his assistant, Leah Beth Hubbard, joined him. Dr. Whitt gave a very interesting talk on how LR came to be and the story of the men who started it. He was proud to state that LR has had 10 years of increased enrollments, and LR is becoming the leader in Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistants and the Health Science field. 100% of their 1st class of students passed their Board exams.

#### **Upcoming Special Events**

**Summer Soiree on 8/17/18:** Karen Schafer spoke regarding this upcoming event, which will have Dinner and Dancing and Donating, and will be held at the Catawba Country Club. Cost is \$30 per Member and \$35 for each non-member. There will be a raffle giving away the 1 year Membership to Newcomers of Catawba Valley. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5, and proceeds will be split among the Charities: Robin's Nest, Dove House, Gingerbread House and Children's Advocacy and Protection Center.

**Dinner @ Boone Inn and play "Horn of the West" on 7/18/18 :** Dinner and the Play was planned.

**Meet-Up : Hickory Community Play "Nonsense" on July 19, 2018 :** Fun times at the "Fireman's Kitchen" and one of our own Newcomers, Denise Bukovan is in the play.

**Montreat and Black Mountain, “Front Porch of Western North Carolina” 8/21/18:** Tour will be led by Hal Demerest, member, Dottie Demerest’s brother, who lives in Montreat. After tour, there will be a trip down the road for lunch at an eatery of your choice in Black Mountain and a chance to check out the Town Square and Historical District.

### **Open MIC**

Member Bill McLaughlin spoke about bringing attention to the Support Group for Parkinson’s located at Catawba Medical Center.

Mike Sigmon spoke about the upcoming event on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Valdese Amphitheater: “From This Day Forward” Dinner and Outdoor Drama.

### **Weekly and Monthly Activities:**

Visit our web site [www.newcomersofcv.com](http://www.newcomersofcv.com) for list of activities. A calendar view and directory is available for membered logged onto the site with their secure password. Watch monthly events including Daytime Canasta, Day Games, Games Nights, Dominions, Rummikub, Book Club, Lunch Out, Coffee and Conversation, Hiking, Shooting, Bowling, Bridge and Mah Jongg.

### **50/50 Drawing: Adra Kryszczuk**

\$36.00 was collected for the drawing and the winners were Dianne Straley, \$18 and our Quarterly Charity, Robin’s Nest, \$18.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25am.

Minutes submitted by  
Brenda Ireland, Secretary