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Newcomers of Catawba Valley General Meeting

August 8, 2018
Hickory Regional Airport

Welcome: Joe Paussa

Meeting was called to order at 10:42am by Joe Paussa, who stood in for Carol Hoover, who was ill. Joe thanked Cindy Donahue, Anna Murawski and Michele LeGrand for bringing refreshments.

Introduction of Guests: Joe Paussa

Joe welcomed all guests and introduced new people.

Meeting Minutes: Brenda Ireland

Motion was made by Adra Kryszczuk to accept the July 11th minutes and it was seconded by Mike Sigmon.

Program: Dianne Straley

Our speaker was Division 12 Board member, John Pope, who represents Catawba Valley on the NC Board of Transportation. Division 12 consists of Alexander/Catawba/Cleveland/Gaston/Iredell/and Lincoln counties. This is a volunteer position. Mr. Pope provided details for the upcoming project for Hwy 321, and answered numerous questions from the group.

Quarterly Charity: Joe Paussa

Our quarterly charity is **Robin's Nest**, which is a nationally accredited Children's Advocacy Center. Here child victims Of sexual and physical abuse are provided child specific services that include compassionate forensic interviews, medical Examinations, counseling, and advocacy services.

Special Events

Connie Yokum spoke about the upcoming **Summer Soiree** event on August 17th and Francine Gissy spoke regarding the **Montreat and Black Mountain** trip that is scheduled for August 21st.

Open Mic

Chad Burel stated that Christmas Parade on the Lake will be held December 1st and will benefit Foster Kids. Also reported was St Alban's Episcopal Church's Lobster Fest will be held on September 29th and Food Factory will have a Sea Plane taking off and landing event on October 13th.

50/50 Drawing: Adra Kryszczuk

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Mike Sigmon and the cut was \$30 for Mike and \$31 for Robin's Nest. Mike donated \$10 of his winnings back to Robin's Nest.

Close of Meeting: 11:51am

Motion to close meeting was made by Dianne Straley and seconded by Scott Ireland.

Next meeting will be the Newcomers Board Meeting on August 22nd at 10:00am at the Patrick Beaver Library in Hickory, NC 28601.

Respectfully submitted by
Brenda Ireland, Secretary