

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley
General Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2018**

Joe Paussa, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. and thanked Sharon Hilliger and Sharon Snellings who provided the morning's snacks.

Joe Paussa introduced guest, Amy Chizen of Bethlehem.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the August minutes was made by Vince LeGrand and seconded by Bob Jones. The motion passed by common consent.

PROGRAM

Chad Burel introduced Chris Mendenhall, vice-president of pricing Services of Transportation Insight. Chris gave a lively presentation on the company built by Paul Thompson. The company currently employs over 500 with 360 in the Hickory area. The Hickory location has just completed a warehouse conversion to a 26,000 ft. gym facility that is used by employees and is available to the local high school teams for practices and other community groups. The company has acquired many other transportation companies over the years that all work under the Transportation Insight umbrella in six cities with customer support operations all over the nation. Transportation Insight's office on Rte. 127 is on the National Register of Historic Places in the former Lyerly Mills complex and they welcome tour groups.

QUARTERLY CHARITY

Joe Paussa reported the quarterly charity is The Robin's Nest. He pointed out the list of supplies needed on each table, specifying that individual snacks are the number one item requested. Robin's Nest is a nationally accredited Children's Advocacy Center focused on child victims of sexual and severe physical abuse and providing counseling to decrease the trauma these children face.

50-50 DRAWING

A total of \$33.00 was collected. The winner was Susan Moline who took home \$16.00 with \$17.00 going to The Corner Table.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The annual Newcomers Pool & Spa Party at the LeGrand's was CANCELLED due to the impending arrival of Hurricane Florence.

The International Dinner at CCCT&I on Thursday, September 13th with an African theme has sold out! Mike Sigmon was on hand to collect payment for those who wanted to buy advance tickets to Hart Square.

OPEN MIKE

Kevin McCutcheon made a case donation of excess snacks from the golf tournament to the Robin's Nest and invited anyone interested to attend the tournament and thanked the Newcomers for hosting a hole. Chad Burel reminded us that there will be a sea plane landing event on Saturday, October 13th at 10 a.m. Also, on December 1st, the Christmas Boat Parade with Santa will run from 6 to 7:45 p.m. starting at the Hwy. 321 Bridge.

Vince LeGrand asked for a volunteer to post a notice of new location for the October General Meeting and Shari Kidd said she will do so. Vince will make the sign.

There being no further business, Joe adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

*Submitted by:
Adra Kryszczuk, Acting Secretary*