

NCV General Meeting

December 12, 2018

Hickory Regional Airport, Hickory, NC

Welcome: Joe Paussa

Carol Hoover was absent. Joe started the meeting at 10:45am and thanked Amy Chizen and Lori Martin for bringing refreshments.

Introduction of Guests: Joe Paussa

Joe introduced guest, David Campbell, who is a local Botanist.

Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Vince LeGrand to approve the Minutes from November General Meeting. The motion was seconded by Greg Gervasio.

Program: Dianne Straley, Program Coordinator

Dianne introduces Alicia Wilfong, with Foothills Conservancy, and an associate of Senator Andy Wells, who as unable to attend. Alicia gave us an overview of the processes working to get approval for creating a State Park along the 35 miles of the Henry Fork and Jacob Fork Rivers. Senator Wells is working on legislation that would connect these two areas, adding new access points and including the existing ones for hiking, biking, and canoeing.

Presidents Report: Joe Paussa

Beginning in fiscal year April 1, 2019, the annual membership dues will be changed to individual memberships: \$15 per person per year. The early membership renewal discount will be \$2.50 making it \$12.50 per person per year. Note our by-laws state: "All potential new members are welcome to attend any event for a period of one month from attending their first event. The monthly General meeting shall not count as an event." This rule will apply to other members of a household. Members are still encouraged to pay dues for other members of a household to allow them to participate in more than one event, trip or activity in an entire year.

Weekly and Monthly Activities

Members were encouraged to check the Newcomers website www.newcomersofcv.com to view the Activity Calendar for viewing the Monthly events that are available.

New Gourmet Club has been announced: Christine Almeida

Christine did a presentation to announce the new Gourmet Club that will have its first event/meeting on January 19, 2019. The Chairs of this Gourmet Club are Christine Almeida and John Kiser. Chairs will decide the menu, assign the recipes and assign the Hosts. The expenses will be tallied by the Host to come up with an average cost per person.

50/50 Drawing: Hedy Paussa

The amount collected was \$52. The winner was Greg Dostal and Toys for Tots Charity.

Open Mic

Mike Sigmon announced that the Tour of Homes in Oakwood was Saturday Dec 15th. Sponsored by the Hickory Woman's Club, the tour will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Before the meeting started, Joe Paussa called the Board members present into a Quorum to get a vote for the Charity for First Quarter 2019. Joe proposed Women's Resource Center and all Board Members were in agreement. Board Members present: Joe Paussa, Shark Kidd, Brenda Ireland, Mary Bucy, Dianne Straley, and Vince LeGrand

Meeting was adjourned at 11:28

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Ireland, Secretary