

Newcomers of Catawba Valley

General Meeting

February 13, 2019

Hickory Regional Airport, Hickory, NC

Welcome: Carol Hoover, President

Meeting was called to order at 10:44 am. Thanks you's were made to Sharon Snelling and Judy Dostall for bringing refreshments and all were encouraged to contribute \$1 for drinks provided by the Cross Wind Café.

Introduction of Guests: Carol Hoover

Adra introduced and welcomed several guests and some new members who were there for the first time.

Meeting Minutes: Brenda Ireland, Secretary

Motion was made to approve the General Meeting Minutes for January by Adra Kryszczuk and seconded by Suzie Matthews. Motion carried.

Program: Dianne Straley, Program Director

Dianne introduced Scott Millar from the Catawba County Economic Development Corporation.

Mr. Millar spoke of the aspects of what he and his team have done for Catawba Country as far as growing and working to get more business development and enticing more people to live in Hickory.

One of the biggest recent success is the start of the Trivium Corporate Center, a business park financed by Catawba County, the city of Hickory and Millar's nonprofit group. The 270-acre business park has announced its first tenants - Corning's cable manufacturing plant and a German firm, ITM, which will make radiopharmaceuticals for treatment of cancer. Millar was one of the leaders who helped bring Apple's data center to Catawba County in 2009. Apple initially said it would invest \$1 billion in the site in Maiden. Since then it has spent almost \$5 billion and is Catawba County's single largest taxpayer.

Mr. Millar did a question and answer period after his presentation and he answered many great questions from the audience.

Special Events: Haydee Pujdak

Haydee spoke to all about the upcoming Mardi Gras Party happening on March 5th at the Hickory Station. She had flyers on all the tables and encouraged all to send in their checks to make their reservations no later than Feb 25th. Cost is \$25 per person and check can be mailed to **Newcomers of Catawba Valley 2425 North Center Street #169, Hickory, NC 28601.**

50/50 Drawing: total collected \$86

Winner was Sharon Snelling for a total of \$43 and the Women's Resource Center \$43

Thank you all for your contributions!!

March 13th General Meeting

Make sure you all come to our March General Meeting for a great Southern Cooking Program and Lunch.

We will be voting for New Officers and updates to our ByLaws. **March General Meeting will be at Crowne Plaza main Ballroom.** Please refer to the Feb Newsletter for all the info regarding voting for new officers and the ByLaw wording changes.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Ireland, Secretary