

**LGA Monthly Meeting Minutes (approved)**  
**Wednesday, October 7, 2015**  
**Lake Gaston Baptist Church**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Bill Heflin at 9:35 a.m. who then conducted the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence, and member introductions. Directors present were Bill Heflin, Vice President Mazine Lowe, John Cataldo, Al Hartley, Tony Moran, Al Potter, Bill Lindenmuth, Clarence Drumgoole, Jeff Dowhan and Don Carson.

Guest Speaker Jodie Dowhan provided a lively and informative Medicare Overview & 2016 update. Ms. Dowhan pointed the membership to NC and VA websites for free human assistance with understanding Medicare options (for NC – [www.ncshipp.com](http://www.ncshipp.com) and for VA – [www.lcaaa.org/vicap/htm](http://www.lcaaa.org/vicap/htm)). The presentation included an explanation of the various “Parts” of Medicare and it's alternates, questions to ask, and how to avoid some common pitfalls. Attendees were quite engaged and asked numerous questions.

Having been circulated for review and correction, the Secretary’s Report was voted to be accepted (motion Al Potter/second Clarence Drumgoole).

Hard copies of the Treasurer’s Report were distributed and it was moved (motion Al Potter/second Tony Moran)and approved that the report be accepted.

Committee Chair Tony Moran provided a Membership/Renewal status. The membership is currently at approximately 2100 with a goal of 2500 by year's end. Tony reminded us that now is a good time to take advantage of the sponsor program, where the sponsor of a new member and the new member both receive a \$5 discount off their dues. He also reminded us to support our business members.

Bruce, the Aquatic Plant Man, Johnson provided an update on the Aquatic Plant Survey the LGA has been performing. Much of the shoreline survey is complete with commitments for the remaining to be finished in the next 3 weeks. He showed photos of new plant species found in this year's survey and spoke briefly about the water clarity testing the LGA is doing in support of NCSU.

During the Issues/concerns portion of the meeting, Don Carson reminded everyone of the upcoming Meet the Candidate Forums for Mecklenburg and Brunswick Counties (VA). A member of the audience referenced a recent Consumer Report Article on Elder Financial Abuse and Scams and suggested that might be considered a topic for a future meeting. Mazine Lowe mentioned opportunities for people to support the Education Committee, specifically at the school we have adopted, William R. Davie Middle School.

Hearing no more issues or concerns, Mr. Heflin adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by

Don Carson  
LGA Secretary for the day.