

Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce
Minutes of October 16, 2008
Presented for November 20, 2008

The second meeting of the Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce Year 2008-2009 was held at Cherrystones restaurant on Thursday, October 16, 2008.

1. Call to Order, Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm by President Delinks.
2. Pledge of Allegiance (Tim Griswold)
3. New members attending for the first time:
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4. Introduce any members' guests, ask to stand:
 - a. Heather Giffen
 - b. Tony Sheridan and several of his administrative staff, President of Southeastern Chamber of Commerce
5. Secretary's Report (Russ Gomes): Minutes not distributed. Minutes were forwarded to the President via email on October 5th. Minutes will be in the November mailing.
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6. Treasurer's Report (Steve Ross): details, budget being worked out with CCECT
 - a. Accepted as submitted; will be submitted for audit
 - b. Steve reported that he was in the middle of a transition turning many of the treasurer functions over to the Southeastern Chamber of Commerce. Treasurer Ross informed all of the balance in the LOLCC business account and he will give a more descriptive report at our November meeting.
7. BOD report: Pam Stevens updated all members on the Board of Directors meeting held October 8th
 - a. The Board of Directors will meet November 12th
8. Correspondence:
 - a. None received
9. Committee Reports:
 - a. CCECT Representative: President Tony Sheridan spoke to the members present and updated everyone on the CCECT upcoming events, which are posted on their website.
 - i. Billing for 2008, 2009
 - b. Fund-raising/Boat Ride – Pat McCarthy updated all members on the upcoming boat ride and emphasized it a social event and is not intended to be a money-maker.
 - i. Boat Ride – October 26th
 - c. Membership – Connie Anderson, Kathy Murphy
 - i. Committee Report
 - (1) CCECT will be launching a membership drive. Anyone wishing to join the Chamber or pay dues should forward them to Chamber of Commerce, Eastern CT, 39 King's Highway, PO Box 726, Gales Ferry, CT 06335; Attn: Sheri Cote.
 - ii. New applications:
 - (1) None received
 - iii. Applicants have been approved by Membership Committee.
 - (1) No action taken
 - iv. Total members now = 196
 - d. Scholarship - John Stratton: John reported he was presently in communication with Dr. Hedwall, head of the Lyme-Old Lyme High School business department to help better inform students with regard to the Chamber's various scholarship awards. Dr. Hedwall will discuss her observations with business classmates to assure that the mission and intent of the scholarships were clearly defined and interpreted.
 - i. Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts (LACFA)
 - (1)
 - ii. Rutherford Sheffield
 - (1)
 - iii. Lyme Art Academy (LAA)
 - e. Programs (upcoming speakers, etc.) - John Stratton:

- i. November – Rob Simmons
 - ii. January 2009 – Dominick Dunne
- f. Publicity - Cathy Frank:
 - i. Old Lyme events, eventsmagazines.com (Susan Scott?)
 - ii. Conservation Calendar
 - iii. LAA Artists Book
 - (1) Members can advertise, \$150/quarter page, \$200/half page, \$ /full page
 - (2) This book is to be reprinted approximately every 5 years
- g. Web site – George Young:
 - i. No action
- h. Adopt-a-Highway – Tim Griswold: Event was held October 4th
 - i. Old Lyme Selectman Tim Griswold was recognized and informed all present on the latest Adopt-A-Highway initiative. He reported all went well and thanked all those who participated: George Young, Bob Dunn, Christy Laurence, Cyndi Taylor, Tim Griswold, Peter Cable, Matt McConnell, Cathy Frank, Charlie Delinks
 - ii. Photos did not come out
- i. Political Debates – Cathy Frank:
 - i. October 28th, Old Lyme Middle School
 - ii. Timekeepers: Laurie Walker, Pam Stevens
 - iii. Need volunteers (parking, poster distribution, refreshments, etc)
- j. Pet Parade – Ruth Roach: Ruth informed all present that there would be refreshments and cookies for all, and she asked for volunteers to help out in the Pet Parade event, which will be the first for the Chamber.
 - i. Posters
10. Old Business:
 - a. None
11. New Business:
 - a. Requests for funds:
 - i. None
 - b. Christy Laurence, of Christy Laurence Realty, informed all that she would be merging her real estate agency with that of a larger agency, and that additional information would be forthcoming
 - c. Tony Sheridan informed the membership of the upcoming holiday gala to be held on December 16th at the Mohegan Sun. It is to be a black tie optional event, and the cost would be \$75 per member, or tables of 10 can be purchased for \$850.
12. Other topics:
 - a. Postal meter has been transferred to High Hopes
 - b. President Delinks apologized for the lateness of the October newsletter
13. Break for Dinner
14. Michelle Jacobik, of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT, gave a presentation on the benefits of buying local and some of the initiatives that have been implemented. There was an opportunity for questions and answers, and handouts were provided. Any one seeking additional information can review the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT's web site.
15. Remarks for the good of the Chamber.
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16. Adjourn: meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm. Motion by George Young; seconded by John Stratton.

Respectfully Submitted

Russ Gomes, Secretary