

Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce
Minutes of November 20th, 2008
Presented for December 18th, 2008

The third 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 7:05 pm by President Delinks.
2. Pledge of Allegiance (Tim Griswold)
3. New members attending for the first time:
 - a.
4. Introduce any members' guests, ask to stand:
 - a. Lisa Hart was a guest of member Bob Jones.
 - b. Tony Sheridan, Michelle Jacobik of CCECT.
5. Secretary's Report (Russ Gomes):
 - a. Jane Cable moved, Pam Stevens seconded approval.
 - b. Approved by voice vote.
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 next month's report will include financial data from CCECT.
7. BOD report: Pam Stevens updated all members on the Board of Directors meeting held November 12th
 - a. BOD approved \$200 for Creative Writing Workshop and increasing Scholarships and Community Contributions by \$1000.00 each for FY '09
 - b. BOD will meet in January, '09.
8. Correspondence:
 - a. None received
 - b. Thank-you sent to OLMS Principal Geoff Ostroff for support of political debates.
9. Committee Reports:
 - a. CCECT Representative: President Tony Sheridan encouraged "Buy Locally"
 - i. November 24th, BRAC Committee breakfast, 7:45, NL Country Club
 - ii. December 16th – CCECT Gala Fund Raiser, Mohegan Sun, attendance urged.
 - b. Fund-raising – Pat McCarthy
 - i. Taste of Lymes – May 3rd, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., Lymae Art Association
 - c. Membership
 - 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. Total members now = 197
 - d. Scholarship - John Stratton: John reported he was presently in communication with Dr. Hedwall, head of the Lyme-Old Lyme High School business department.
 - e. Programs (upcoming speakers, etc.) - John Stratton:
 - i. December – Toys for Tots
 - ii. January 2009 – Dominick Dunne, author
 - f. Publicity - Cathy Frank reminded the members of advertising opportunities:
 - 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. Political Debates:
 - i. Debates were held October 28th at the Old Lyme Middle School
 - ii. President Delinks thanked Cathy Frank (publicity, logistics), timekeepers Laurie Walker and Pam Stevens, moderator Olwen Logan, Steve Ross and others.
 - i. Pet Parade:
 - i. President Delinks thanked organizers Ruth Roach, Cathy Frank as well as Cindi Taylor and the Old Lyme FD.
 - ii. Pictures will be posted on lolcc.com and at D.G. Bones Pet Supplies
 - iii. Tim Griswold received honorable mention for his Giraffe entry.
 - j. Tree Lighting (Pam Stevens, Pam Uthoff, Neil Gottfried):
 - i. Will be December 5th, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
 - ii. Neil Gottfried stated that Marketplace merchants will be providing discounts, pictures with Santa, hay rides, music, etc. on Saturday, Dec. 6th.
 - k. Toys for Tots (Cathy Frank, Pam Stevens, Deke Cooksley):
 - i. Pam Stevens reported that USMC LCpl Adam Thomas has been assigned to us, and will be present at the Tree Lighting
10. Old Business:
a. None
11. New Business:
a. Requests for funds:
 - i. Creative Writing Workshop was awarded \$200.00, with a motion by Tim Griswold, seconded by Pam Stevens
 - ii. Members voted in favor of a motion by Neil Gottfried, seconded by Matt McConnell, to increase LOLCC scholarships by \$1000.00
 - iii. Members voted in favor of a motion by Jim Noyes, seconded by Connie Anderson, to increase LOLCC community contributions by \$1000.00
 - iv. Requests from Old Lyme Social Services and the Food pantry will be discussed at the next Board of Directors meeting.
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. Rob Simmons, CT Business Advocate, gave an animated overview of his adventures promoting business in CT. Questions followed his presentation.
15. Remarks for the good of the Chamber.
a. None.
16. Adjourn: meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth Roach, for
Russ Gomes, Secretary