

Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce
Minutes of May 21, 2009

The ninth meeting of the Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce Year 2008-2009 was held at Cherrystones on Thursday, May 21, 2009. Treasurer Steve Ross presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Tim Griswold.

Treasurer Steve Ross recognized visiting members of the CCECT, President Tony Sheridan, Heather Giffen, and Meghan Whitehead. Steve also recognized Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rutledge (CMRK).

The minutes of the Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber meeting of April 16, 2009 were read and accepted. Motion to accept by George Young; seconded by Pat McCarthy. The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted and will be submitted for audit. Steve Ross reported that \$1800 was received from Destination Lyme/Old Lyme and \$2700 received from CMRK. No resignations were received.

The minutes of the Lyme-Old Lyme Board of Directors meeting (May 13, 2009) were read and submitted by Secretary Russ Gomes. Russ reported \$250 for Lyme-Old Lyme Social Services was recommended in support of Community Resources Roundtable.

Correspondence received: None

Committee Reports:

- CCECT representative: Tony Sheridan – Tony reported on a meeting held May 6th (Tony Sheridan, Sheri Cote, Charlie Delinks, Pam Stevens, Steve Ross) in which they discussed various issues. One issue discussed was a questionnaire for this summer.
- Fund-raising: Pat McCarthy / Pam Stevens / Heather Giffen – The Taste of the Lymes was held May 3rd, at the Lymes Art Association. Pat reported the proceeds from the event were \$1,232.86 plus \$150 from Office Express. The event ran well despite the lack of wine distributors. Pam Stevens and CCECT have created Certificates of Appreciation for food donors. Pat express thanks to Peg Ames (Rogers Lake Liquor Store), Heather Giffen and all Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce volunteers.
- Membership Committee: Ron Haubert – Ron reported new applications received from Sishanh Patana (Morning Glory Restaurant, Halls Road). Applicants have been approved by the Membership Committee. A final letter to 12 non-renewing members will go out this weekend. Total active members as of now: 194.
- Scholarships: John Stratton – John announced the scholarship recipients.
 - Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts (LACFA) – Van Franklin
 - N. Rutherford Sheffield scholarship – Jordan Arruda, Mitchell Krasney, Catherine Logan, and Megan Devlin.
 - Lyme Art Academy – TBD
- Nominating Committee: Pam Uthoff, Pam Stevens, Cathy Frank – Any interested parties should contact any member of the committee.
- Program/Upcoming Speakers: Cindi Taylor – Cindi reported that the June 18th membership meeting would be dedicated to the Scholarship award recipients. Also, the LOLCC elections will take place at the June membership meeting.
- Publicity: Cathy Frank – no report
- Website: George Young – George reported that photos of the Taste of Lymes (taken by Russ Gomes) are being processed to post on both websites.
- Adopt-A-Highway: Tim Griswold – Selectman Tim Griswold reported that the cleanup was done on Saturday, May 16th. The Department of Transportation (DOT) wants the permit renewed annually and stated that the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup is supposed to be done on a monthly basis, but that has not been done historically.
- Destination Lyme/Old Lyme: Steve Ross, Susan Scott – The membership was informed that the Destination Lyme/Old Lyme is being distributed at key transportation sights along southeastern Connecticut and publications would be available after the meeting is adjourned.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- A request for funds of \$250 to the Lyme-Old Lyme Social Services for fuel assistance, etc was received. Motion by Peter Cable, seconded by Christy Laurence, motion passed.

Other Topics:

- Steve Ross reported that on Memorial Day, the Chamber would have a table in front of Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts (LACFA). The Chamber has extra flags to hand out. Steve requested business cards and other promotional materials for the table. The CCECT might attend. Steve informed the membership that volunteers are needed for short shifts to staff the table.

Guest Speaker: Tony Sheridan introduced the guest speaker: Lee Olivier, CEO of Northeast Utilities. Question and answer period followed.

Motion to adjourn by Peter Mountzoures; seconded by Tim Griswold. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Russ Gomes, Secretary