

August 26, 2014 Meeting at **Randazzo's** Restaurant no minutes available.

September 23, 2014 **Hudson Street Café** Minutes

From the Board: Rich Massimi, Wynn Gold, John Finneran, Mary Clark, Dan Mahoney. Chamber members and guests: Heather and Josh Wojehowski, *Fresh*, Helen Bunt, *Butterhill dayschool*, Joe Gill, *The Cornwall Local*, Lois Raymond, *Sew Scents*, Luann Richard, *Creative Gifts*, Vanessa Williams, Greg Winchell, *Walden Savings Bank*, Ellen and Mike Kelly, *Smitchgers*, Beth Texter, *Cornwall Public Library*, Karen Kaiser Sharp, *Madison Ave Children*, Michael Summerfield, *Cornwall Alliance*, Jackie Gaillard, *McBride Gaillard Law Offices*, Chris and Sheyla, *Riverbank Bistro*, Eileen Hartmann, *Cromwell Manor B&B*, General Beard & Mrs. Elaine Beard, *NYMA*, Maureen and Annie, *Puppy Paws*, Julia Lawrence, *CAbi*, George Toth and Diana Underwood, *Alternative Counseling*, Dynna, *Bodies in Balance*, Deanne Brady, *NY Eyewear*, Susan Walsh Augolia, *Rae of Light Yoga*, Mike Limperopolous, *Greater HV Health*, *Encore*, Donna Hammond, *Hudson Street Café*.

Rich thanked everyone, especially all those who worked on the committee for the Fall festival for the great turnout two days before, at the 41st annual Fall festival. He believed it was the biggest and most profitable to date. Ellen Kelly asked if Financials and minutes would be forthcoming, and Rich informed everyone that we would have all as soon as possible.

Old business- letters written on behalf of individual chamber businesses and a letter from Rich as President went to the town Board in August, 2014 to urge the Town Board to oversee the continuation of the Farmers' market, as the Cornwall Co Op decided it would no longer be responsible for the operations. The Recreation dept for the town board will be responsible for the farmers market.

Golf outing: Dan gave an update on the event scheduled for Oct 2, 2014, and could use more golfers, donations, sponsors, etc. see Dan.

New business-Donation request from American Legion Post 353: the board had decided on a \$500. donation to the American legion, whereas two members of the general membership strongly urged more be donated. \$2000. Donation by the Chamber to the American legion was approved.

Michael Summerfield and Jackie Gaillard made a presentation and request to hang banners throughout the community and offered different quotes for certain projects. Looking at 40 installations of brackets, hardware, etc. Rich asked for quotes in writing so that the board could review and act accordingly. The goal, in a joint effort with the Cornwall Alliance is to improve the look of Cornwall through this endeavor.

Emphasis was stressed on fixing Welcome to Cornwall Signs, the Sign in the Municipal parking lot, and using the website and apps as much as possible to let people know who the Chamber is and what we do. Suggestions from our younger members, Josh and Maureen gave excellent examples of how we should utilize all forms of social media, facebook, twitter, Instagram, etc.

Upcoming member events: Carnival at NYMA , October 17, 18, 19.

Continuing business- Chamber Clock- Rich and Joe Dvash will look into getting it repaired.

Holiday: Chamber has authorized purchase of Christmas trees which will be available to members.

Board has authorized the horse and carriage ride again for December 7, 2014 to take place a couple of hours before the town tree lighting. Approval for more lights to be added to the tree granted and a change of date for the Holiday party. **New date is Thursday, December 18.**

Correspondence;

Thank you from Merit scholarship award recipient(s)—this year's recipient and thank you's from previous recipients.

Thank you letter from Supervisor Randy Clark, on behalf of the Town of Cornwall in recognition of all the work the Chamber does for the greater Cornwall community.

Next meeting: Breakfast at Cornwall Public Library, Monday, October 6, 2014, 7:30 am. Next dinner meeting: **Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at Storm King Art Center Catered by Tina's Basket**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davis Clark

Secretary, GCCC