

November 24, 2015

Minutes

Cromwell Manor catered by Café Richiesto

From the Board: Rich Massimi; Vails Gate Cleaners, Joseph Dvash; Plaza Marquee, Angela Calabro; Giftworks, Stacey Lyle; Firthcliffe Technologies, Wynn Gold; Auric, Gary Smith; Rank & Smith

Chamber Members and Guests: Dan Mahoney; Safe & Sound, Nancy Proyect; OC Citizens Foundation, Christine Dorsey; Your Ideal Body, Lucinda Poindexter; ReThink Local, Ellen & Michael Kelly and Kate Cannella; Smitchger Reality, Joe Winters; SB Merchant Services, Deanne Brady; New York Eyewear, Steve Kuhn; Cornwall Coal & Supply, Randy Clark; Clark & Associates, Luann Richards; Creative Gifts & More, Eric Noll & Elizabeth Moore; Elizabeth Collection, David Hayes-Cohen & Bruce Cohen; FCC Gallery, Regina McGrade; Encore, Michael Summerfield; Cornwall Alliance, Fred & Linda Lewis; Firthcliffe Technologies, Kenn Brodmerkel; Cornwall Wines, Heidi Schuessler; Encore

Guest Speaker: Lucinda Poindexter from ReThink Local spoke about how shopping local helps the local economy.

Nancy Proyect from Orange County Citizens Foundation gave an update on the Placemaking meeting on December 1st.

Member Spotlight: David Hayes Cohen – FCC Gallery

Heidi Schuessler & Regina McGrade – Encore/Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Care

Old Business:

- Joe Dvash gave an update on the Jolly Trolley that brought 30 people into town to shop on November 21st
- The Chamber is hosting breakfast for the Shop Hop on November 28th. Cromwell Manor and Caldwell house are donating food for the breakfast.
- Luann Richards talked about the Shop Hop
- Holiday Horse and Carriage Ride followed by the tree lighting and refreshments at the firehouse will be December 6th
- Eileen Hartmann along with committee will be judging the decorating contest December 6 – 12th. Winners will be announced on December 22nd at the Chamber Holiday Party.
- John Finneran announced the board members and rolls, also announced Catherine Bale and Eileen Hartmann to join the board. Kenn Brodmerkel made a motion in agreement to keep the board and to add Catherine Bale and Eileen Hartmann. Vote was passed by the members.
- Gary explained to purpose of the trees the Chamber is selling to businesses along Main St and Hudson St.
- Gary handed out an itinerary of the happenings over Thanksgiving weekend along with December 6th. Gary also handed out volunteer signup sheets for November 29th, decorating the circle and December 6th for the Horse and Carriage Ride.

New Business:

- Rich announced the Holiday Party will be December 6th at the Mountainville Manor from 6:30 to 9:30. The cost of the party will be \$52.00 a person with a 100 person max. Chamber will pay \$22.00 per person, guests will pay \$30.00 for member plus one guest. Asking the members of the chamber to vote on spending \$2500.00 on the Holiday Party. Eric Noll made a motion to accept the cost of the party, Kenn Brodmerkel second the motion. Vote was passed by the members.
- Eric made a motion to reserve extra money if the headcount goes over 100. Mountainville Manor has a max of 150 people, Kenn made a motion to make the max for the Chamber to spend on the Holiday Party to be \$3700.00, Eric Noll second the motion. Vote passed by the members.
- Rich shared the invitation to the 2015 Orange County Chamber of Commerce Snow Ball January 30th from 5:30 to 11:00 pm. A copy of the invitation will be emailed to the GCCC members.

Correspondence:

- \$500.00 Donated to the Firehouse for hosting refreshments after the tree lighting
- \$500.00 to the 5 volunteers from the firehouse that helped decorate the tree for the tree lighting. (\$100.00 per volunteer)

Thank you Eileen Hartmann from Cromwell Manor for hosting our dinner meeting and to the staff at Café Richiesto for the delicious dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Lyle

Secretary, GCCC