

October 25, 2016

Dinner Meeting

Minutes

Canterbury Brook Inn

From the Board: Stacey Lyle; Firthcliffe Technologies, Gary Smith; Rank & Smith, Joseph Dvash; Plaza Marquee, Eileen Hartmann; Cromwell Manor, Luann Richards; Creative Gifts, Rich Massimi; Vails Gate Cleaners, Wynn Gold; Auric Information Packaging; Angela Calabro; Giftworks

Chamber Members and Guests: Heidi Schessler; Encore, Ryan Coakley; Merrill Lynch, Tony Burgess; Cornwall Leadership, Annie Mooradian; Puppy Paws, Eric Noll & Elizabeth Moore; Elizabeth Collection, Lynne Beesecker; L.A. Beesecker, Linda & Fred Lewis; Firthcliffe Technologies, Manuela Mocan; World Wide Travel, Deanne Brady; New York Eyewear, Renita McGuiness Cornwall Historical Society, Anna Croce; HVFCU, Lois Raymond; Sew Scents Candles & Gifts, Steve and Jes McGuiness; Air Tite Sheet Metal, Anthony Davidowitz & Rachel Coho; Storm King Art Center, George Toth & Diana Underwood; Alternative Counseling, Bernadette Montana & Thomas Lindemann, Brid's Closet, Carol Hemphill; Carols Cut Color & Curls, Kayla Corona & Barbara DeAngelis; Gypsy Bird's Soap & Candle Shoppe, Helen Bunt; Butterhill Day School, Bob Carlocchi; Robert Allen Insurance Agency, Kenn Brodmerkel; Cornwall Wines, Isreal Morales; Sky Diamond Jewelers, Michael Summerfield; Cornwall Alliance, Richard Randazzo; Cornwall Town Supervisor, Brendan Coyne; Cornwall On Hudson Mayor

Guest Speakers:

Richard Randazzo spoke: The Budget for the Town is ready for approval and is under the cap set by the government. Zoning changes have been approved for the 9W corridor. Utility Poles on Main Street are being replaced and this work should be completed next year.

Mr. Randazzo has been working with the government of Town of Highlands and Woodbury, along with the help of the County Executive to form a "Travel the Triangle" Tourism program. The \$3000 donated from the Car Show proceeds will be used to purchase a Speed Trailer Sign.

Brendan Coyne spoke: The village is working on its Comprehensive plan which hasn't been updated for 50 years. He is working on having Zombie Poles removed. Students from NYMA will be working on removing invasive plants from Packinsticker Park on Dock Hill Rd. New native plantings will be planted. All Village Board Trustees are running for re-election. He is thrilled, enough pressure was put on the Cornwall St. Luke's Hospital administration to keep the Cornwall ER open. \$200,000 has been spent on repaving and repairing the roads in the village. Tree Lighting festivities will be Dec. 4th the same as the Town.

Member Spotlight

Luann Richards spoke about her business, Creative Gifts & More at 282 Main Street

New Business:

- Chamber Holiday Party will be held at Caldwell House, December 13th from 6-9 p.m. Henderson & Osinski will be playing live music, chamber is paying them \$250.00 to play for 3

hours. Truly Scrumptious Catering will be catering the event. A buffet dinner will be available at \$30.00 person, members will pay \$22.00 for the first 2 guests each then \$30.00 for each after. The Holiday Party is limited to 75 people, an email will be sent in the next week for members to sign up.

- Board terms are up in January, Rich is stepping down to 1st Vice President and Joseph Dvash is moving up to President if approved by the membership at the Nov. 22nd dinner meeting. 3 Board seats will be up for voting by ballot. Please make your nominations by sending an email to info@cornwallchamber.org
- Luann Richards has been appointed Recording Secretary
- The Board of Directors is working on new Chamber Bylaws to be voted on after the New Year. Jackie McBride Gaillard is working with the Board to update the bylaws.

Old Business:

- The Board voted to spend up to \$500 on the Cornwall Spooktacular
- The Eileen Hartmann updated the Holiday Committee Events. Volunteers are needed for set up before the Cornwall Spooktacular starting at 11am. Trick or Treating will take place in the Cornwall Plaza, at Main Street and Hudson Street, businesses from 1pm to 3pm. Costume Parade and Howl and Prowl sponsored by Puppy Paws will start at 3pm in front of Puppy Paws, walk down Main Street and cross at Willow Ave. then return to Bridge Street for awards, and refreshments. Holiday Trees are still available if you didn't order yet, please do so. Dec. 4th will be the Tree Lighting Festivities with a Santa Land at Bridge Street.
- Stacey Lyle updated the Art Walk which will take place 2 weeks before Riverfest. Sponsor will purchase and decorate Flags, the Flags will be hung at Riverfest. Catherine Bale will be matching up Artists with the Sponsors.
- Joe Dvash updated on the Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies, 2 have been held so far and have been well attended. A DJ is available for music and can be hired for longer if wanted. A special plaque is awarded to the business.

Correspondence:

- Lions Club Fall Harvest 5k-\$500.00
- Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Feast Ad-\$40.00

Roll/Introduction

Thank you to the staff of Canterbury Brook Inn for a delicious dinner and for hosting our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Luann Richards

Recording Secretary, GCCC