

September 26th, 2017

Dinner Meeting

Minutes

Gus's Restaurant Tavern

From the Board: Joseph Dvash; Plaza Marquee, Eileen Hartmann; Cromwell Manor, Luann Richards; Creative Gifts, Deanne Brady; New York Eyewear, Stacey Lyle; Firthcliffe Technologies, Ryan Coakley; Merrill Lynch, Wynn Gold; Auric

Chamber Members and Guests: Susanne Vondrak; Cornwall Public Library, Anthony Davidowitz; Storm King Art Center, Maureen Kuilan; Lost Level Games, Jackie Grant; HH Nature Museum, Scott Teresi; Right at Home, Jackie Gaillard; McBride Gaillard Law, Matt Decker, Doug Land; Land Conservation, Lynn Peebles; Studio 208, Helen Bunt; Butterhill Day School, Angela Iaco; Faces by Angela, Tony Burgess; Cornwall Leadership, Doreen Keyer; Cafe Richiesto, Christine Dorsey; Your Ideal Body, Sheree Morrison; MOD, Jennifer Critelli; About Face, Stephen Weber and Guest; Kona Ice, Domenic Baiocco and Jim Disalvo; Walkkill Valley Federal Savings and Loan, Shawn Strong; Phanafits Entertainment

New Members

Walkkill Valley Federal Savings and Loan
DeCicco Family Market (new Platinum Sponsor)

Guest Speaker

Doug Land and Matt Decker from Land Conservation, a 25 year nonprofit to conserve and protect the water resources, farms, and natural character of communities, preserving the natural beauty for hiking and other outdoor activities. Land is purchased or donated through conservation easements.

Member Spotlight

Jerry McKnight the new manager spoke about DeCicco Family Markets becoming more involved in chamber and community activities.

New Business:

- Financials - Balance is \$32228.64.000 and we have 169 members
- Elections will be held in Nov. Those that wish to run need to be nominated at the Oct. Dinner meeting. 2 Director Positions are up for election. Bob Lapolla is up for re-election and one vacancy.
- In an attempt to increase participation at monthly meetings the board has voted to have one dinner meeting than the next 2 months a general meeting in a larger location to accommodate more members with light refreshments available. This will start with the new year.

Old Business, Continuing Business

- Committee Chairpersons updated on each committee --
- Car Show -Luann-was very successful \$4000 will be donated to the local emergency first responders, they will be invited to our next chamber meeting to be presented with their checks.
- Holiday Committee- Eileen-decorating will be done on wed at 6pm those that want to help are more than welcome. Halloween Spooktacular will be Oct 28th starting with the Lions Club window painting 8a to 12p with trick or treating from 1p to 2:30p, pet and people parade from 2:30 to 4. Deposits have been made for the Horse drawn carriages for the tree lighting festivities Dec. 3rd from 3 to 5p. Christmas trees will be sold and available to chamber members for use outside their businesses for \$15 per tree. Santaland will be set up again this year
- Sponsorship & Membership Committee- Deanne 169 members
- Fall Festival- Joe - ran smoothly, Joe thanked the Fall Festival committee for working so well together.

Correspondence:

Roll/Introduction

Thank you Gus's Tavern for a delicious meal

Respectfully submitted,

Luann Richards

Recording Secretary, GCCC