

**Lymes' Senior Center Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
In the Old Lyme Town Hall, Old Lyme, CT  
January 21, 2025**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jane Folland, Stephanie Lyon-Gould, Peter Lucchese, Christina Gotowka, Mariette McCourt, Kathy Lockwood, Diana Seckla, Margaret Thach, Jeremy Crisp, Fred Verillo, David Griswold

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Karen Geisler, Mary Stone

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Peter Lucchese at 1:02

**II. GUESTS:** John Kiker, Martha Shoemaker

John Kiker - The building should be substantially completed by March 19th. Fundraising has not been stressed because the renovations have come in under budget.

Martha Shoemaker - The furniture has been delayed. The items in storage will be moved in, then the new furniture. After the moves are completed, the walls will be touched up. A soft opening of moving into the building and a public opening celebration are planned. Peter and Martha discussed the language to be used for the fund raising by the Friends of the Senior Center.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Shaun Mastrianni

Shaun Mastrianni - Indicated he was present to observe the meeting with a potential interest in becoming a board member.

**IV. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2024 Meeting** Paula Emery

Motion to accept the minutes was put forth by Christina Gotowka seconded by David Griswold. Motion carried.

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jane Folland

Report dated December 12, 2024 - January 16, 2025

**VI. COMMUNICATIONS:** A thank you note from the Page Turners Book Club was circulated.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Director's Notes:** Stephanie Lyon-Gould

Membership - 1042 current members. 18 new members and 50 renewed in the last month. The town nurse, Denise, is having surgery and will be out for a couple of months. Fred Verillo put forth a motion to authorize spending up to \$50 for flowers. Mariette McCourt seconded. Motion carried. Don Abraham, a former board member, recently passed away. Jane Folland put forth a motion to authorize spending up to \$200 for a Sympathy Bouquet. Fred Verillo seconded. Motion carried.

Upcoming Activities: Brain Health, Part 1 had 60+ attendees. Brain Health, Part 2, will be held February 19th at 1 PM, Old Lyme Town Hall. Unbuilt NYC lecture will be presented by the Bow

Tie Historian on February 5th at 1PM, Old Lyme Town Hall. A historical lecture will be presented by the Bow Tie Historian on March 5th at 1PM, Old Lyme Town Hall. One of the final "Building Buzz" meetings will be held February 20 at 11:15, Christ the King Church. The St. Patrick's Day Luncheon takes place on March 14th at 12PM, Christ the King Church. Members can now sign up for the scheduled activities online. Stephanie is looking for volunteers to help out when the new building opens.

**Facilities Report:** Peter Luchese thanked John Kiker for attending the board meetings and providing the updates of building renovation progress.

#### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Update on the UR Community Cares, Inc. Program for Lyme and Old Lyme:** Jeremy Crisp/Stephanie Lyon Gould

Jeremy passed out a poster for the Lyme/Old Lyme Community Cares program for consideration by the board. Jeremy is also putting out information on the program via social media to local organizations. Jeremy and Fred Verillo shared their first hand experiences as Volunteers with the board.

#### **IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Program Ideas/Suggestions:**

Christina suggested that new program ideas should pour forth once the Center is in the new building. Stephanie mentioned that most new programming would begin in the fall of 2025.

**Other New Business:** None

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm. Jeremy Crisp put forth the motion, Kathy Lockwood seconded. Motion Carried.

**Next Regular Meeting:** March 17, 2025 at the Old Lyme Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Emery  
Recording Secretary