

Lymes' Senior Center Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Lymes' Senior Center, Activity Room
26 Town Woods Road, Old Lyme CT 06371
September 15, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephanie Lyon-Gould, Peter Lucchese, Christina Gotowka, Kathy Lockwood, Diana Seckla, Mary Stone, Margaret Thach, Karen Geisler, Fred Verillo, Jeremy Crisp, Jane Folland, Mariette McCourt, Shaun Mastroianni

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

II. GUESTS: Jeri Baker, Eric, Town of Old Lyme

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Peter introduced the newest member of the board, Shaun Mastroianni. The board members all welcomed Shaun.

IV. MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2025 MEETING, Paula Emery

Motion to accept the minutes as read was put forth by Diana Seckla, seconded by Mary Stone. Motion carried.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jane Folland

Report dated July 19, 2025 - September 12, 2025

VI. COMMUNICATIONS: None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Director's Notes: Stephanie Lyon-Gould

Membership - 1127 current members. Since May 5th the center has received 12,450 activity visits, enrolled 199 new members and 195 members have renewed their membership.

The Memorial Brick Dedication Ceremony will be held Tuesday, September 16 at 1:00. Those being honored include Dot McAndrew, Jacqueline Roberts, Joan Bonvicin, Gary Weed and Ralph Eno. 10 members in all are being celebrated. September 17th at 1 pm is Paper Quilling with Kristine. September 23rd at 5 pm is the Exercise Expo and Demo Night of evening classes. September 29 at 1pm is Personal Safety with Johnny Cody. September 30 at 1pm is the Nonagenarians Celebration. The public works will repaint the bocce ball courts this spring and each year going forward.

Facilities Report: Stephanie Lyon-Gould

The doors have been fixed.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: Stephanie Lyon-Gould

Stephanie put forth a funds request to the Friends of the Senior Center for \$32,000. Jeri Baker,

representing the Friends, stated that after discussion the Friends voted on \$25,000. Jeri expressed that the Friends are developing strategies for going forward with the new center in place, continuing a really good working relationship with the center and assisting to develop and enlarge new programs through additional fund raising strategies. Jeri Baker and Diane Blackwell will be the liaisons between the Friends and the Center.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: Stephanie Lyon-Gould

Two Eagle Scout Projects have been presented to Stephanie. Project 1: Rebuilding the grill and a pavilion for the use by the VFW. The VFW is providing the funds for the pavilion. The scouts have requested financial help from the Center for the grill restoration. Discussion tabled until the next meeting at which time additional, complete specifications should be provided. Project 2: Constructing a low stage for concerts and/or outside exercise classes. The centrally located structure will be one step up and large enough to accomodate a 6 piece band.

Jeremy Crisp commented that the facility seems to be under utilized on weekends. Stephanie stated that things need to be put into place and is waiting until next year to begin rentals.

Fred Verillo handed out a flyer from the Lyme Public Library regarding their program Opening Doors - an initiative to connect community residents, particularly by fostering cross-generational relationships.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm. Jeremy Crisp put forth the motion, Christina Gotowka seconded. Motion Carried.

Next Regular Meeting: October 20, 2025 at 1:00 at the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Emery
Recording Secretary