Lymes' Senior Center Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Lymes' Senior Center, Activity Room
26 Town Woods Road, Old Lyme CT 06371
November 17, 2025

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fred Verillo, Shaun Mastroianni

I. CALL TO ORDER: Peter Lucchese at 1:01

II. GUESTS: None

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

IV. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2025 MEETING, Paula Emery
Motion to accept the minutes as read was put forth by Mary Stone, seconded by Kathy Lockwood. Motion carried.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jane Folland
Report dated October 1, 2025 - October 31, 2025

VI. COMMUNICATIONS: None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Director's Notes: Stephanie Lyon-Gould
3107 people have visited the center so far this month. 19294 have visited in the past 6 ½ months. 1221 current members is a 23 ½ % increase in membership in the last six months. The Center has added 233 new members since the opening.
The Center has received a grant for programs which will be administered by Friends. The grant will allow the Center to provide additional programming in the New Year.
85 have signed up for the Thanksgiving Luncheon and Entertainment, Friday the 21st at 12 pm. Each year the Center provides food or gift cards for Seniors in Need. The seniors are selected in conjunction with information provided by social services and the list is usually 20-25 recipients. Mary Stone put forth a motion to give Stephanie funds for the Seniors In Need, the amount to be discussed. The board agreed on $1000. Mary Stone adjusted the motion to reflect the amount of $1000, Margaret Thach seconded. Motion carried. The Center will also ask the community to participate in support of the Seniors in Need by donating gift cards for a local grocery store(s). The December Food Drive will benefit the Senior Center Food Pantry. A collection box will be placed near the senior center check- in and a suggested list of items will be provided.
December 1st @ 1:00pm – Holiday Tree Trimming Party, December 2nd @ 1pm – Transportation Options for our Area, December 3rd @ 12:30pm – Presentation from Focus

Homecare & Graceful Transition, December 7th @ 2pm – Old Lyme Town Band Holiday Concert, December 8th @ 1pm - Local Author Talk & Book Signing: Bill Humprey (What If? Book), December 9th @ 1pm - Curiosity Club: History of Christmas Cards & Cookies, December 10th @1pm – New Horizons Band Holiday Concert, December 15th @ 1pm – Local Resident and Trumpeter Tim Baffaro Performance, December 16th @ 1pm – Lyme Village Voices Holiday Concert, December 17th @ 9:45am – Veteran's Breakfast, December 17th @ 1pm – Yankee Swap (Bring a $10.00 wrapped gift), December 19th– Holiday Luncheon & Show – Coconut Jukebox Boys @ 12pm (Lunch) & 1pm (Show), December 22nd– Select Singers Holiday Concert, December 23rd @ 11:30am – Great American Songbook Medley with Jim Corbett on Saxophone, December 31st– Birthday Lunch and Entertainment with Accordionist.

Facilities Report: Stephanie Lyon-Gould

The floor repairs have been done. There is a problem with the new dishwasher, but it is under warranty. The clogged toilet has been fixed. The Eagle Scout Grill Project has been completed. The Eagle Scouts are starting work on the staging area. The Scouts got all the funds donated for the project.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: Peter Lucchese

Peter was invited to the Friends November BOD meeting and thanked them for their fund-raising efforts. Discussion centered around the legal opinion from the town attorney that Peter had previously forwarded to Alan regarding use of the senior center logo by Friends. The attorney's overall view was that sharing the senior center logo by Friends should be avoided. Discussion also included a financial report by Jane and Stephanie and accepting donations for the center. It was decided that it is up to the Friends board to decide upon their logo. Alan Sheiness indicated that he would speak to both towns' Selectpeople.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: Peter Lucchese

Peter suggested consideration for some kind of recognition for the volunteers in the kitchen and Meals on Wheels. Stephanie stated that the Volunteers Luncheon, which is in April, recognizes all volunteers. Peter questioned how we can add to the lunch to make it even more special.

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

Next Regular Meeting: December 15, 2025 at 1:00 at the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Emery
Recording Secretary