



# CONCORD - LEROY AREA

## Chamber of Commerce

### MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, November 12th, 2008

Time: 2:00pm–4:00pm

Place: Quail Hollow Country Club Conference Room

Attendance: Tim Toman                      Cindy Girdler (Madison-Perry Chamber)  
Alaina Maloney                      Linda Reed (Painesville Chamber)  
Lisa Nelson                              Nikki Matala (Willoughby Chamber)  
Robin Brower                          Chuck Haskel (Western Area Chamber)  
Susan Peters                            Marie Pucah (Mentor Chamber)  
Karen Ruth

Agenda: To formally approach the Lake County Chambers to see if they would consider adding the CLACC

Minutes:

- Lisa opened the meeting with introductions, a thank you to all who attended and an opening statement regarding the CLACC and how we came to be. Robin concluded the opening statement by indicating a strong need to advocate the business communities of Concord and Leroy. She stated that we understand why the LC Chambers might not wish to include the CLACC but that we sincerely hope that in lieu of that we will be able to find a way to work hand in hand toward our common goals. At this point the floor was opened to a question and answer session.
- Cindy Girdler stepped up as the spokesperson for the LC Chambers. She indicated a big concern on behalf of the group that the CLACC did not formally ask if there was any other alternative before officially forming a chamber. She indicated that community leaders are already of the belief that there are too many chambers already and that we should not try to reinvent the wheel. They believe Concord businesses will be confused as to who should serve them and that too many agencies are duplicating efforts already. They think that times are tough and that we will have a very hard time building, sustaining and growing our chamber.
- All points were heard and addressed. The CLACC did approach Painesville several times and were firmly told to go away. Painesville did not suggest at that time that we approach the board in full until today when they were informed that we already formed. After seeming to get nowhere, we thanked them for their time and they left.
- A motion was made to stay the course for the CLACC and all were in favor.
- The next meeting was set for 12/3/08 at 3:00pm at 7575 Fredle Dr.
- The agenda for the next meeting will be our due structure, 5 companies we can each encourage to be members of the CLACC and our site.
- Meeting was adjourned.