

Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
Minutes General Membership Meeting **submitted by Maria Hughes**
July 18, 2018 **at Rookies Sports Bar**

Members present: Sam King, Ross Voit, Cassie Novak, Greg Johnson, Amy Silvers, Kitty Eickhoff, Brian, Gary Winkels, Tim Jopp, Lindsey Clancy, Ozzie, Britainie Feld, Matt Kreuzer, Lynn Brutger, Brenda Wuebkers, Tom Schneider, Kelly Tschida, Wendy Womack, Janelle Schlangen, Steve Olson, Sheri Thill, Derrick Meyer, Kelly Kasner, Alli Herold, Julie Krumrei and Maria Hughes.

Meeting called to order by Chamber President –Welcome from Lynn to the guests, followed by introductions of members present.

Minutes from March 21, 2018 - Chamber minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer Report – Report will be given at August meeting as Aaron was not in attendance.. If you have questions on the report, please contact Aaron.

Albany Buck Report – Lynn B gave report. Lots of activity in the last month. Thank you Albany Mutual Telephone Co. and Mother of Mercy. See report for more info.

Guest Speakers – *Brenda Wuebkers from CHI- Health at Home. CHI has been doing homecare and hospice for 30 years and serves a 45 mile radius of Albany. They have a wonderful team for both hospice and/or home care. Some of these include: nurses, Medical Director, Hospice aid, Social Worker, spiritual services, bereavement services, speech therapy, occupational therapy and more. Contact Brenda for more info. 845-2445 or brendawuebkers@catholichealth.net*

Old Business

Heritage Day- Heritage day is coming together. Flyers are out, website is updated. Thank you to our sponsors: GOLD-CMCU, Opatz Metals & Roloffs, Schlenner & Wenner. Silver-Albany Mutual Telephone Company, Albany Chrysler Center and Xcel Energy. Bronze- Albany Area Community Ed, CHI-Health At Home, CentraCare, AMPS, Inc.

Public Email list/newsletter- The first E-newsletter went out last week to about 163 contacts. All chamber members are also included in the mailing list. Help me, help YOU! Continue to send me your special events, updates, sales, coupons, etc. for me to add to the e-newsletter, FB page and website.

New Business

50/50 Raffle- The chamber will be doing a 50/50 raffle at this year's Heritage Day. Tickets will be sold throughout the day and during the parade. We are looking for a few volunteers to help sell tickets throughout the day. Contact Maria or Lynn B if you are interested.

Standing Report

Albany Area Schools/Community Education –

Greg Johnson: Building Project Update- currently working on renovating the old theatre, landscaping work and the new greenhouse project. New student opportunity called CEO (Creating Entrepreneur Opportunities) for Juniors, a partnership with Albany, Melrose, and Sauk Centre. It's innovative, real-life hands-on learning, fueled and driven by businesses in partnership with our schools. More details emailed to the membership.

Cassie Novak: BEAT Grand Opening Weekend had over 1,200 in attendance and we have already sold 120 season tickets for next year's concert series. The BEAT concert series has been announced and there is a new online ticket process - should be open to the public starting August 1st! Fall Community Ed brochure deadline is July 20th. Back to School Launch (where all families can take of any paperwork, checking out devices, etc.) will be August 2nd, 8th, and 9th. See the website for more info.

City of Albany –Tom Kasner is the new mayor. Yellow line has been put on the lake wobegon trail for safety of the seniors and bikers who frequently use the trail for walking. New rapid flash LED lights by library are being put in. Thanks to a family donation and the Albany Jaycees there will be new playground equipment installed in Highview Park in mid-August. 1st Street improvements are winding down and will not interfere with the parade route.

Open Floor: Albany Chrysler Center Car Show to be held Friday, August 3rd from 4-8pm. Burn outs at 5:30 and 7:00. Blattner Family Foundation 17th Annual Golf Fundraiser Monday August 6th 2018. Check chamber website for more info.

Prize winner: Tim Jopp