

**Albany Area Chamber of Commerce**  
**Minutes General Membership Meeting** submitted by Maria Hughes  
**March 21, 2018** at Albany Bowling Center

**Members present:** Cassie Nentl, Lindsey Clancy, Samantha King, Gary Winkels, Tracy Frieler, Paul Tomczik, Kelly Tschida, Lynn Pennie, Aaron Smith, Amy Silvers, Mary Sauerer, Curt Leyk, Jason Bergmann, Ross Voit, Kelly Kasner, Lynn Brutger, Derrick Meyer, and Maria Hughes.

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

**Minutes from November 15, 2017** - Chamber minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer Report** –member dues still trickling in. Donations from Central MN Credit Union, Wells Concrete, and Albany Jaycees for the Annual Banquet. Paid out scholarship donation to the school. If you have questions on the report, please contact Aaron.

**Albany Buck Report** — Lynn B gave report. Purchases from CHI and MOM. See report for more info.

**Guest Speakers** – *No guest speaker. Everyone took a turn introducing themselves and telling the group something they were excited about going into 2018.*

**Old Business**

**Job Fair-** Registrations are coming in. If your business would like to participate as a vendor please submit your registration. More details on our website.

**Chamber Banquet** – Thank you to everyone that participated in some way. We had 21 nominations and 160 attendees.

**New Business**

**City Wide Garage Sales:** will be held May 12<sup>th</sup>. You can submit your info through the chamber website.

**New Board Member:** Welcome Kelly Kasner from Tani Division!

**AAEF Fundraising Opportunity:** In Feb, the AAEF awarded its first round of grants, giving out over \$2500 in grants to teachers in both Albany and Avon schools.

Fisher's Club and local businesses are sponsoring a fundraiser called Spring Fever to Support Achievers on April 13<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will benefit the Albany Area Education Foundation. Please contact Fisher's to become a sponsor or purchase tickets at CMCU, Stearns Bank, American Heritage National Bank or Albany/Avon Schools. The evening will include a chicken dinner, drinks and entertainment by Better Man Duo.

**Bike Month Kick-Off:** Will be held May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Albany Area School Parking lots. This is a FREE event to encourage walking and biking in Albany. Will have bounce house, bike rodeo, activities sponsored by Albany Women of Today and more. More details to come.

**Food Shelf:** John Weis Ford is doing a food drive and will be donating to the Albany Area Food Shelf. More info can be found on our FB page.

**Standing Report**

**Albany Area Schools/Community Education** – Cassie Novak: Preschool registration had 122 kids come through. Will be extending the hours for the community center. There will be a formal ribbon cutting for the school, currently looking at dates.. BEAT grand opening will be May 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> and we will have several performers for entertainment. FREE event- first come, first served! Spring/summer community ed book will be out by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**City of Albany** – Tom Schneider not present.

**Open Floor:**

**Prize winner:**

**Year End Winner:** Kitty Eickhoff