

Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
Minutes General Membership Meeting submitted by Maria Hughes
May 17, 2017 at Shady's Hometown Tavern and Event Center

Members present: Justin Overman Lynn Brutger, Tom Schneider, Debbie Kulzer, Steve Olsen, Aaron Smith, Jeremy Mathiasen, Derek Meyer, Ben Dalsing, Cassie Nentl, Greg Johnson, Tim Jopp, Matt Kreuzer, Jason Bergmann, 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 February 15, 2017 - Chamber minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer Report – Aaron Smith gave report. Not a lot of activity. A couple large deposits from MOM and Albany Recycling. If you have questions on the report, please contact Aaron.

Albany Buck Report – Lynn Brutger reported that there has been a lot more activity recently. Thank you to MOM and Stearns Leasing for their large transactions. Thank you for your support of the buck program.

Guest Speakers – No guest speaker. Maria and Lynn talked about letting us know what kind of guest speaker you would like to have that would be a benefit to learn from for your business. Ex. Social Media 101. Please email ideas to albanycc@albanytel.com

Old Business

Job Fair- Jason and Matt gave update on the success of the Job Fair & Business Expo. We had 27 local business participants and about 30-40 attend. Despite attendance being on the low side several businesses had great contacts with potential employees. It was a great first year and we look forward to next year's event.

Heritage Day: Committee met for the first time on May 1st...the planning is well on it's way. The theme will be something patriotic to match with Avon's theme. The next meeting will be June 5th at Shady's Hometown Tavern at 5:30pm.

City Wide Garage Sale – Albany City wide was May 13th. We had individuals submit their garage sale info to be included on the garage sale map. The map and information was also posted on Facebook and available on our website.

New Business

Sandwich Sign- the chamber has a sandwich sign that will be available chamber members to borrow for events, sales, ect. For a small deposit Chamber members will be able to 'check out' the sign. Deposit will be refunded on return of the sign. More details to come.

New Logo Material – As soon as the logo is ready we be making cards with chamber logo, window clings for chamber members, sandwich sign welcome board for new members, etc.

Standing Report

Albany Area Schools/Community Education – Cassie Nentl: school is almost out...moving will be taking place. Com Ed office is busy...partnering with St Johns for summer camps.

Greg Johnson: wrapping up the school year...will have 10-12 retirees this year so will be hiring. Building project going well but a few weeks behind due to rain. Planning tours for when the project is done.

City of Albany – Tom gave update on potential roundabout...it's not final yet...still a work in progress. They are still researching and studying on how it will work. City is also working on a master bike and pedestrian plan. Putting permanent stop sign on Forrest ave.

Open Floor: Jason Bergmann – Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in Mother of Mercy's Wine N Dine event. Also, gave Rock the Prairie update...ticket on sale now...Phil Vasser.

Ben Dalsing- Wells Concrete will be participating in MN Manufacturing Tour open house. More info to come.

Prize winner: Tim Jopp