

Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
Minutes General Membership Meeting **submitted by Maria Hughes**
May 16, 2018 **at Albany Area Schools**

Members present: Sam King, Cassie Novak, Tim Jopp, Lindsey Clancy, Matt Gannon, Matt Kreuzer, Brenda Wuebkers, Paul Tomczik, Janelle Schlangen, Steven Olson, Aaron Smith, Lynn Pennie, Derrick Meyer, Kelly Kasner, Ross Tamm, Cassie Kazeck, and Maria Hughes.

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

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

Treasurer Report – Aaron gave report. If you have questions on the report, please contact Aaron.

Albany Buck Report – Lynn B not present. Report was available and passed out. See report for more info.

Guest Speakers –

Old Business

Job Fair- Took place April 28th, 2018 at the New BECC building, 9-12 p.m. Attendance was not what we expected but we attribute that to the weather as it was the first nice spring weather weekend. Looking at possibly collaborating with the school next year and maybe add some family fun things to draw more people.

Bike Month Kick Off- Was held Saturday, May 5th, Albany school parking lot from 10:00- 12:00 p.m., This free event had a bike rodeo, bike raffle, bounce house, and activities by the Albany Women of Today. Not as many people as was expected but those that came really enjoyed the event. 2 Bikes (donated by Wells Concrete), 2 scooters (donated by Albany Women of Today) were raffled off along with helmets.

City Wide Garage Sales- Saturday May 12, 2018 was city wide garage sales. Albany had about 22 garage sales submitted to be on the city map. This year the map was available online which made it very easy for shoppers to find the garage sales. This event is great for Albany as it draws in people from outside the community.

New Business

Chamber Member Coupons: We would like to add member coupons to the chamber membership renewal process. Each year when a business becomes a member or renews they will get coupons as part of their membership. These coupons will come from those chamber members who would like to participate. It will not be required however it would be another form of exposure for your business. More details to come.

Albany Heritage Day: Heritage Day parade theme will be Tropical Paradise. Parade registration forms are now available on the chamber website. If you would like to be part of the Heritage Day planning committee please let us know.

Board President: Lynn Brutger's term will be up at the end of the year. If you are interested in the position or know someone who is please let us know.

Standing Report

Albany Area Schools/Community Education – Greg Johnson: There will be a formal ribbon cutting for the entire building project on May 18th. The school is continuing to address safety and security, including implementation of Raptor (a more robust visitor management system) and ALICE training (active shooter training). In addition to the typical back to school Open Houses, the district will host three Back to School Launch days to help families prepare for the start of the school year. More info will be sent to parents. The district is also updating our student information system from JMC to Infinite Campus - info will be sent to parents.

Cassie Novak: Summer activities and camps are right around the corner with many registration deadlines fast approaching. BEAT Grand Opening is scheduled for May 18 & 19. This includes 3 FREE concerts to the public. Event is first come, first served.

City of Albany – No update.

Open Floor: Fraud Seminar Tuesday, May 22nd at City Hall, 6 p.m. Telephone Co. will be doing a promo for their coop members – Iheartlocal. More details will be coming. Telephone annual meeting will be held June 6th.

Prize winner: Tim Jopp