

**Albany Area Chamber of Commerce**  
**Minutes General Membership Meeting**      **submitted by Maria Hughes**  
**November 15, 2017**    **at Hillcrest Family Restaurant**

**Members present:** Ross Voit, Cassie Nentl, Greg Johnson, Amy Silvers, Bryan Schiffler, Kelly Tschida, Lindsey Clancy, Matt Kreuzer, Tom Schneider, Jason Bergmann, Aaron Smith, Steve Olson, Ben Dalsing, Kelly Kasner, Cassie Kazeck, Ben Dalsing 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 October 18, 2017** - Chamber minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer Report** –Aaron gave report. Everything is looking good. Some Expenses: Liability insurance, Albany buck for thank you to the girls for creating our logo, misc. office expense. If you have questions on the report, please contact Aaron.

**Albany Buck Report** — no buck report.

**Guest Speakers** – *Cassie Kazeck from Wells Concrete. Cassie was just hired on as their recruiting and networking person.*

**Old Business**

**Santa Day:** Everything is coming together. If you would like to have a free vendor table as being part of the chamber please let me know. Or if you would like to have flyers or coupons available for attendees to take please get them to Maria.

**New Business**

**Member Support – FB Post:** please let Maria know when you have a FB you would like shared on the Chamber FB page. Also, feel free to send emails and she can forward it on to the membership and/or add it to the website. Lindsey Clancy suggested chamber member “like” each other’s FB pages and so they can share each other’s events and help promote each other. More info to be emailed out at a later date

**Job Fair & Business Expo:** Avon & Albany Chambers will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Job Fair & Business Expo sometime in April. More info to come.

**Membership Renewals:** Please keep in mind that membership renewals are coming up. Information will be available at the December Chamber meeting and will be going out in the mail.

**Standing Report**

**Albany Area Schools/Community Education** – -Greg Johnson: Many winter sports have started with a few starting soon. The Albany Area Education Foundation Event was very successful, raising about \$18,000. Mini-grants will be available to teachers sometime in the new year. AAS will host the January meeting and offer another tour. Diane Noll (Albany Elementary Administrative Assistant) won the Educational Support Person of the Year Award for the state of MN!

-Cassie Nentl: The BECC (Blattner Energy Community Center) is scheduled to open January 1st. The BEAT (Blattner Energy Arts Theatre) official grand opening weekend is set for May 18-20.

**City of Albany** – Sfe routes to school:working on putting together a grant for \$32,000 for crosswalk lighting in three different areas in town. These areas are: South school entrance/Co Rd 54, Lake Wobegon trail by CVS, and 4<sup>th</sup> St/Railroad Ave.

**Open Floor:** CMCU holiday open house Dec 8<sup>th</sup> (piano players 3-5pm.). Lindsey Clancy (Albany Mutual Telephone Co.) thanked the chamber for the having Gaslight Creative as guest speaker on Social media. Jason B (MOM) thank you to everyone for your support of RTP. Albany Chrysler Center has now started a body shop. They also suggested starting a community group or service to rate or critique chamber businesses.

**Prize winner:** Tom Schneider