

**Albany Area Chamber of Commerce**  
**Minutes General Membership Meeting** submitted by Maria Hughes  
**January 16, 2019** at Shady's Hometown Tavern

**Members present:** Ross Voit, Cassie Novak, Kitty Eickhoff, Gary Winkels, Tim Jopp, Lindsey Clancy, Lynn Brutger, Brenda Wuebkers, Tom Schneider, Paul Tomczik, Kelly Tschida, Julie Krumrei, Kristi Imdieke, Aaron Smith, Derrick Meyer, Kelly Kasner 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 given by Aaron. Some Santa Day money/expenses, website renewal came in and some membership dues. If you have questions on the report, please contact Aaron.

**Albany Buck Report** – Lynn provided full year report. Thank you to all businesses that purchase Albany Bucks. See report for more info.

**Guest Speakers** – *No guest speaker. Open discussion was held to get feedback from members. See attachment for ideas and comments provided.*

### **Old Business**

**Designer Bag Bingo:** Designer Bag Bingo will be held Friday, February 1, 2019 at Shady's HomeTown Tavern. Remaining tickets are available at Shady's Hometown Tavern until sold out. Only a handful of tickets left.

**Annual Chamber Banquet:** The annual Chamber Banquet is set for March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Planning committee will be forming soon. Please let Maria know if you would like to join the committee.

**Lake Wobegon Community Expo:** The expo is planned for March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019. Vendor forms will be available for local businesses soon. Sponsorship opportunities available. Event to offer kid's activities, adult fitness and health sessions, and keynote speaker. More details to follow.

### **New Business**

**New President:** Kristi Imdieke was voted new Chamber president by Brenda Wuebkers, Lindsey Clancy seconded the vote. Welcome Kristi Imdieke!

**New Window Clings-** Now available for all renewed members. New clings will have the 2019 AND 2020 membership year listed so they will be good for two years.

### **Standing Report**

#### ***Albany Area Schools/Community Education –***

**Cassie Novak:** Congrats to Carrie Schmitz ob being awarded Minnesota Middle School Teacher of the Year. Please take time to complete the District Survey by January 20. The BECC walking track is open Mon-Friday 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat-Sun 10 a.m.-6 p.m (closed for special events/tournaments). The next BEAT performance will be Deuces Wild held Friday, February 8.

**City of Albany** – New Tv display screen will be going up at City Hall Next to library. Screen will display school news and updates. Old Roller Miller being torn down. Possibly a new business center will go up in its place. Construction will start June 1<sup>st</sup> on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> street. Golf course has new manager, Michael Whitlock.

### **Open Floor:**

**Prize winner:** Kristi Imdieke