

Minutes
Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
General Membership Meeting
April 20th, 2011
12:00 Noon @ Paul's Par-A-Dice

Members Present: Kathleen Magel, Lynn Pennie, Tim Jopp, Gaylene Hansen, Ami Ohmann, Tom Schneider, Ross Voit, Mary Sauerer, Laura Reitmeier, Jeannie White, Paul Tomczik, Kitty Eickhoff, Nick Brandner, Evelyn Budde, Dave Simpkins, Steve Dooley, Rebecca Binek, Selena Bueckers, Kristie Blonigen and Renee Thelen.
Guests: Stan Hanson, Linda Brown and Allan Dahmen

Meeting called to order by Chamber President, Kathleen Magel at 12:00PM.
Introductions were made.

Thank you to Sean Artley, Paul's Par-A Dice, for serving the wonderful lunch. Donations for lunch were collected and will be donated to the Albany Food shelf; \$121.00 in donations was received.

The General Membership reviewed the minutes from the March 16th meeting. No changes or corrections made.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Evelyn Budde and seconded by Laura Reitmeier. Minutes will stand as written.

Treasurer Report presented by Interim treasurer, Laura Reitmeier. All activity was fairly standard for the month.

The Chamber had a CD in the amount of \$4,200.34 with Central Minnesota Credit Union that was renewed for another year. The Chamber has a CD in the amount of \$4,051.56 with Stearns Bank that will mature on 5/24/11. Motion made by Mary Sauerer to allow Interim Treasurer, Laura Reitmeier, to use her discretion in renewing the CD and seconded by Jeannie White.

No changes or corrections made to the Treasurer Report. Motion to approve Treasurer Report made by Mary Sauerer and seconded by Tom Schneider. Treasurer Report will stand as written.

The Albany Buck report was available for review. Balance in the account is \$3009.64.

The 2011 Albany Resource Guide was available at today's meeting. The Chamber office will be delivering guides to Albany businesses next week. If you are in need of additional guides, please contact the chamber office.

The first Heritage Day Committee is on April 28th at 7:00pm at Paul's Par-A-Dice.

Senior Dining Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers. Contact Edna Kramer at 845-4070 if you are interested.

Tom Schneider, City of Albany updated the membership in attendance on the Main Street Construction Project that will start in the spring of 2012. Any questions about the project should be directed to Mr. Schneider, City of Albany. There will be a Public Hearing on Assessments for the Railroad Avenue (T.H. 238) Improvement Project on April 20, 2011 at 6:30pm, Albany City Hall.

Steve Dooley, Superintendent of Albany Area Schools, informed the membership in attendance that AAS will soon start meetings to discuss strategic planning for the next 5 years. Mr. Dooley feels it is important to have the business community involved in the planning to match what the community wants in our schools. Mr. Dooley extended the invitation to the chamber and businesses to join them at the meetings.

Schlenner Wenner & Company will be offering another QuickBooks seminar on May 19th and December 16th. Information about the seminars was available at today's meeting.

Mother of Mercy Campus of Care will be hosting a "Wine & Dine" fundraiser on May 7th. Event will take place at the Seven Dolors Parish Center. Tickets are \$25 per person and were available for purchase at today's meeting. Tickets can also be purchased at the Mother of Mercy Nursing Home or at the Seven Dolors parish office.

Renee Thelen, Albany Area Hospital & Medical Center: Sandi Day, the new Director of Nursing Services at the Albany Area Hospital & Medical Center, started on Monday, April 4. She is relocating from the Baxter/Brainerd area and is living in Albany. Kathy Lange is the new Foundation Officer and will begin her duties on May 9.

Please mark your calendar for the 12th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, June 6. The registration forms will be mailed out next week.

Prize drawing; won by Tom Schneider.

The next Chamber General Membership Meeting is Wednesday, May 18th, 2011 at Noon at Hillcrest Family Restaurant

Ms. Magel introduced Allan Dahmen, Pierz, MN business owner. The city of Pierz completed their Main Street Improvement Project in 2010.

Mr. Dahmen was available to answer questions after his presentation.

Respectively submitted,
Kim Fish, Executive Secretary