

Minutes
Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
General Membership Meeting
August 18th, 2010
12:00 Noon @ Albany Bowling Center

Members Present: Kathleen Magel, Evelyn Budde, Tim Jopp, Bob Byers, Jeannie White, Lynn Jenc, James Stueve, Tom Schneider, Dave Mareck, Lisa Beuning and Ken Eickhoff.

Meeting called to order by Chamber Member, Evelyn Budde at 12:00PM.

The General Membership reviewed the minutes from the July 21st meeting. No changes or corrections made.

Motion to approve the minutes made by James Stueve and seconded by Lynn Jenc. Minutes will stand as written.

Treasurer Report was available for review. The \$1,500 to cover the cost of the website and Tri-CAP transit will reflect in the August report.

The Chamber has an 8 month CD with Stearns Bank for \$4,023.43 that will mature on September 24, 2010.

No changes or corrections made to the Treasurer Report. Motion to approve Treasurer Report made by Kathleen Magel and seconded by James Stueve. Treasurer Report will stand as written.

Albany Buck Report was available for review. Balance in the account is \$4,166.77.

Tri-CAP will begin service on September 21st operating on Tuesdays between 9AM - 4PM. The City of Albany has signed the contract with Tri-CAP, will write a check for the \$1,200 cost and bill the Albany Chamber and Lions \$600 each.

When the City has all the information from Tri-CAP in regards to individual cost and limitations, they will pass it along to the chamber.

Melrose Tri-CAP has been very successful; several businesses buy tokens for their customers to bring them into their businesses.

Heritage Day parade numbers were comparable to last year. There were 14 teams in the Teen Bean Bag Tournament, 3 participated in "The Battle of the Bands" and the Albany Police Department won the Business water Ball Fight for the fourth year in a row.

Many people heard positive comments about the band that performed, *Steel Blue*.

Albany Chrysler Center tripled their spectator attendance from last year. It was decided that the Albany Chrysler Center's Car Show will again take place on the Friday before Heritage Day as a "kick off."

Albany Chrysler Center put out a car show flyer which included local business coupons valid the day of the car show. Next year, Albany Chrysler Center will provide

a shuttle service into Albany for their spectators who would like to use their coupons the day of the car show.

The open Chamber Board position was voted on, approved and filled by Janine Kutter at the July General Membership Meeting.

The Albany Chamber of Commerce welcomes new members: Sanitation Services, Jamie Schmitz; The Junction, Stephanie Dirkes and Simpli-Flowers, Gaylene Hanson.

Lynn Jenc, Albany Area Community Education: SHIP (statewide health improvement plan) Grants funded by State Legislation were created due to the rising cost of health care and obesity. The main goal of the grant is to promote community health in our area.

Out of 47 million dollars in grant money available, Albany Area Schools was granted \$13,000 and the Albany/Avon community was granted \$15,000.

The school grant will be used for safe pathways for students within a 1 mile radius of school to walk or bike to and from school.

The community grants will include safe pathways from Lake Wobegon Trail corridors in Albany and Avon so one may cross over county roads safely to their destination. Community gardens are also being looked at for Albany and Avon.

Anyone interested in volunteering in these initiatives should contact Lynn Jenc.

Albany Area School's interim Superintendent, Steve Dooley, was unable to make it to today's meeting but hopes to join us in September.

The 2010/2011 school begins on September 7th. The school is currently doing road resurfacing and the bus garage should be completed by the start of the school year.

Albany Chrysler Center would like to invite everyone to a "Business after Hours" on Friday, September 24th from 5 to 7PM. This is a Jeep Celebration Event featuring the new 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee and the new Commercial Buyers. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided.

Prize drawing was won by Lynn Jenc.

Next Chamber General Membership Meeting is Wednesday, September 15th, 2010 at Noon at Hillcrest Family Restaurant.

Respectively submitted,
Kim Fish, Executive Secretary