

Minutes  
Albany Area Chamber of Commerce  
General Membership Meeting  
June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
12:00 Noon @ Grace Alive! Church

Members Present: Melissa Gerads, Dean Goebel, James Stueve, Mary Sauerer, Kathleen Magel, Tom Schneider, Renee Thelen, Evelyn Budde, Paul Solsrud, Bob Deters, Roger Dowell, Kelly Koziol, Scott Thielman, Ross Voit, Rebecca Binek, Joe Williquette, Pam Williquette and Steve Danzl. Guests: Janine Kutter, Don Schiffler and Pam Buttweiler.

Meeting called to order by Chamber Presidents, Melissa Gerads at 12:00PM.

Mrs. Gerads welcomed everyone in attendance and introductions were made. Thank you to Twin Pines catering for providing the wonderful lunch.

The General Membership reviewed the minutes from the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. No changes or corrections made. Motion to approve the minutes made by Mary Sauerer and seconded by Evelyn Budde. Minutes will stand as written.

Treasurer report was presented by Treasurer, Paul Solsrud. All activity was slow for the month.

It was approved at the May General Membership Meeting to use money from a maturing CD for the new chamber website (\$1,000) and Tri-Cap Bus Service (\$600). The correct date of the maturing CD with Stearns Bank is July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The \$1,600 will be deposited into the general account until the CD hits its maturity date in July.

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

Albany Buck Report was available for review. Balance in the account is \$4,284.02. Activity for the month was very slow after much activity in the month of May during the Albany Buck Mother's Day promo (purchase \$50 in Albany Bucks get \$5 free).

Melissa Gerads read a proposed contract from Weishair Custom Software for the creation and updating of the new chamber website.

No members in attendance opposed to the contact. Contract will be signed and accepted.

Heritage Day parade theme is "Cartoon Looney." Parade line up will begin at 5:30PM. Line up will be posted at an area business by noon on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Candy may be thrown, but all candy must make it to the curb and each vehicle needs a driver and passenger for safety reasons. Grand Marshal is John Peternell.

The Blattner Family Foundation Golf Fundraiser for Albany & Avon Fire Departments is August 9<sup>th</sup>. In 2009 the Albany Chamber sponsored a hole for \$125.

It was the general consensus of the membership in attendance that the chamber should continue to sponsor this fundraiser. Motion made by Mary Sauerer to sponsor a hole and seconded by Evelyn Budde.

The Albany Chamber of Commerce welcomes new member, Albany Tesoro.

The Albany Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for an open board seat and also someone to take over as treasurer. Paul Solsrud, Board Member and Chamber Treasurer, has accepted a new job in Prior Lake. Laura Reitmeier (Schlenner Wenner & Co) has volunteered to fill in as interim Treasurer.

Mr. Solsrud has set up the Chamber accounts on QuickBooks and the job typically takes only 2 hours a month to complete. The Treasurer receives \$125 a year to perform this job.

Anyone interested in the Chamber Board seat and/or Treasurer position, should contact a current Board Member or the Chamber office. Election for accepting nominees to the Chamber Board will take place at a future Chamber General Membership Meeting.

Kelly Koziol, Whispering Acres: Whispering Acres will host an Open House on June 19th from 10am to 4pm. Whispering Acres is a retreat 5 miles north of Albany located near the Wobegon Trail. The facility is a great place to hold staff retreats, scrap booking retreats, quilting retreats and much more. More information about the facility can be found on the website <http://www.whisperingacresretreat.com>

“Arts in the Park” is held each Wednesday in June from 7-8PM in the Legion Park.

Scott Thielman, Albany Area Schools, thanked the Albany Chamber for their continued support of the community and Albany Area Schools. Dr. Thielman believes the Albany Chamber is an outstanding organization.

Dr. Thielman has accepted a position with the Buffalo School District.

Schlenner Wenner & Company will be offering a “Business 101” seminar on June 23. For more information call 320-251-0286, 877-616-0286 or email [info@swcpcpas.com](mailto:info@swcpcpas.com)

The Albany Chamber of Commerce thanked the following members for their services to the community and the Albany Chamber of Commerce: Janine Kutter, Bueckers City Sanitation; Paul Solsrud, Albany Mutual Telephone Association and Dr. Scott Thielman, Albany Area Schools. We wish them the best of luck in their new endeavors.

SCORE Presentation: Don Schiffler and Pam Buttweiler from the Central Minnesota Chapter of SCORE “Counselors to America’s Small Business” gave a power point presentation to members in attendance. Both were available afterward to answer questions; informational material was also available.

Prize drawing was won by Kathleen Magel.

Next Chamber General Membership Meeting is Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at NOON  
at Mercy Manor.

Respectively submitted,  
Kim Fish, Executive Secretary