

Minutes  
Albany Area Chamber of Commerce  
General Membership Meeting  
March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
12:00 Noon @ Albany Bowling Center

Members Present: Kathleen Magel, Lynn Pennie, Dina Pierskalla, Tim Jopp, Gaylene Hansen, Ami Ohmann, Tom Schneider, Ross Voit, Lynn Jenc, Mary Sauerer, Laura Reitmeier, Kevin Oslin, Jeannie White, Paul Tomczik, Shawn Thull, James Stueve, Kitty Eickhoff, Ken Eickhoff, Terri Gertken, Nick Brandner, Evelyn Budde, Jim Kastanek, Dave Mareck and Karen Young.

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

The General Membership reviewed the minutes from the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. No changes or corrections made.

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

Treasurer Report presented by Interim treasurer, Laura Reitmeier. The Chamber has a CD in the amount of \$4,200.34 with Central Minnesota Credit Union that will be up for renewal on 4/4/2011. Motion made by Jeannie White to renew the CD at the current rate and seconded by Tom Schneider

Tax returns have been simplified for those organizations making less than \$50,000 a year. The Albany Chamber of Commerce falls within this category saving the Chamber money on filing tax returns.

Chamber dues received for 2011 are \$11,147.00. The amount of outstanding dues for 2011 is \$1,175.00. Chamber Annual Banquet expense is reflected in the month of February.

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

The Albany Buck report was available for review. Balance in the account is \$3,223.88.

The Albany Resource Guide is underway and should be available early April. Those interested in advertising should contact Shawn Thull at 320-256-3240.

All dues must be current for businesses to receive discount advertising and the free bold purple listing offered to chamber members.

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.

Mr. Schneider also clarified a "Letter to the Editor" that was printed in the Albany Enterprise regarding the MPCA's ruling on Two Rivers Water District.

There was discussion at today's meeting about the flower pots on Main Street. The general consensus of membership in attendance was that we should do it again this year. There have been a lot of positive comments about them and it also dresses up Main Street. James Stueve volunteered to water them again this year. Mary Sauerer will organize the project and will be asking for help. Those volunteering today were Evelyn Budde and Tom Schneider.

Lynn Jenc, Albany Area Community Education/Albany Area Schools had several announcements.

- Senior High Band and Choir spring concerts
- MCA testing starts the beginning of April
- Board of Education Meeting
- Pre-school registration for 2011/2012 is at 111 students
- Community Education brochures were available

Albany Area Hospital & Medical Center welcomes new husband and wife doctor team, Nate and Libby Brever. Dr. Nate Brever will be on board in August and Dr. Libby Brever in September of 2011.

Prize drawing; won by Ross Voit.

The next Chamber General Membership Meeting is Wednesday, April 20th, 2011 at Noon at Paul's Par-A-Dice. Lunch provided; please give a \$5 donation for the Food Shelf

Ms. Magel introduced Karen Young, Manager, Community & Local Government Relations for EXCEL Energy.

Ms. Young was available to answer questions after her presentation and offered a free CFL light bulb to members in attendance.

Respectively submitted,  
Kim Fish, Executive Secretary