

Minutes  
Albany Area Chamber of Commerce  
General Membership Meeting  
July 20, 2011  
12:00 p.m. @ Hillcrest Restaurant

Members present: Mary Sauerer, Kathleen Magel, Kay Wilson, Judy Beuning, Evelyn Budde, Gaylene Hanson, Tim Jopp, Lynn Jenc, Lynn Pennie, Jeannie White, Rebecca Biniek, Ross Voit, Tom Schneider, Dale Overman, Sean Artley, Janelle Wunderlich, Ami Ohmann, Bob Deters

Meeting called to order by Chamber President, Kathleen Magel @ 12:00 p.m.

Introductions were made.

The general membership reviewed the minutes from the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. No changes or corrections made. Motion to approve the minutes made by Ross Voit and seconded by Evelyn Budde.

Treasurer report was available for membership to review. Mary Sauerer reported for interim treasurer, Laura Reitmeier. A dispersal of \$400 for the flowers on main street was made in June. At the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, it was suggested that the \$2540.20 CD at Stearns Bank be cashed in to pay for the new computer for the chamber secretary. It is Laura's recommendation that said CD be renewed as we have enough money in our checking account to carry us thru the end of the year plus, we have over \$2400 in our savings account. Evelyn Budde made a motion to have the CD renewed at Stearns Bank seconded by Lynn Jenc; all in favor.

No changes or corrections made to the Treasurers report. Motion to approve the treasurer report made by Evelyn Budde seconded by Lynn Pennie.

Albany Buck report; minimal activity for the month of June.

The Heritage Day committee is still looking for teams for the water ball fight. Janelle Wunderlich from Well's Concrete said they have 1 team for sure but thinks they might have 2 teams for this event. She will check with her co-workers then let Kim (chamber secretary) know.

It was suggested that everyone try to round up some teams.

There were Heritage Day flyers available for everyone to hang in their places of business.

Evelyn Budde, Mother of Mercy Campus of Care reported on the Tri-Cap bus. The Tri-Cap contract with Albany expires in September and they are

looking to renew it. Evelyn will meet with Tom Schneider to see if the Lions and Jaycees would be willing to pay for it for the next year. Evelyn asked that the Tri-Cap bus discussion be added to the agenda for next month.

In past years, the Albany Chamber welcomed the new faculty members at Albany Area Schools with a donuts, juice and coffee morning social. It was suggested by Joan Ebensteiner (the schools staff development coordinator) that we sponsor a luncheon instead this year. If any business would like to include something in a "goodie" bag, please have it at the school's district office by August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Tom Schneider, City of Albany; reported on the progress of the Main Street renovation project. It was decided that they use no colored concrete in the sidewalks. Committee member, Jim Kastanek, has talked to several people in other cities who have done street improvements with colored concrete and nearly everyone said they wish they'd have used regular concrete as the colored product just does not stand up like they thought it would. There will be some sort of pattern used in the concrete but it will all be the gray/plain/regular concrete.

Main street itself will be concrete and not bituminous (tar).

There will be 23 light poles installed on the sidewalks; there are currently 19 light poles.

There was discussion about putting lights in the pavement at crosswalks like they have at casinos and at the Mayo clinic. Because the excessive cost for them, it was voted to not use them.

Tom mentioned that at some point this fall or winter they are going to host an open house for the general public and have posters which will show what the street and sidewalks will look like after the project is complete.

Tom Schneider mentioned that friends and family of Jim Stueve (Albany's retired chief of police) are hosting a benefit to help defray the many expenses associated with Jim's kidney transplant. The "free-will offering" spaghetti dinner benefit will be held on Friday August 12<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8 at Paul's Par-a-Dice. Entertainment from 6 to 9PM by the Night Owls. This is open to the public.

Tom Schneider also mentioned that the annual Blattner Family golf fundraiser which benefits both the Albany Fire Dept and the Avon Fire Dept will be held on Monday August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Lynn Jenc of Albany Area Schools; Prairie Fire Children's Theatre in conjunction with Albany Area Community Education will be presenting "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs". This will take place on Friday July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at the Albany High School.

This is free to the public. Lynn brought flyers promoting this production and asked the general membership to hang them in their places of business.

Prize drawing winner was Sean Artley.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at Grace Alive! Church. Lunch provided by Twin Pines catering for \$6 per person.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Sauerer, acting secretary