

Albion Area Chamber of Commerce

Crowley's Restaurant

September 24, 2009

AGENDA

- a. Chamber President Pat Kelley—Call Meeting to Order**
- b. President requests all present to introduce themselves and organization affiliation.**
- c. Approval of the August 27, 2009 meeting minutes**
- d. Treasurer's Report—Mr. Kempf**
- e. Old Business:**
 - Website discussion**
 - a. Update—Monthly Drawing**
 - Sign Project**
 - a. New Business**
 - Santa Coming to Town—Thursday, 12/3/09**
 - a. Santa
Fantasia/Elementary Chorus
Santa's Workshop
 - House Decorating Contest**
Prizes
Judges
Newspaper/Website Advertising
 - a. Drawing for Attendance Prize**
 - b. Adjournment**

**Albion Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2009**

Opening: The regular meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on August 27, 2009, at Valenza Restaurant by President, Pat Kelley.

Present: Edward Kempf, Community National Bank; Anna Bennett, Country Fair; Dan Ries, Albion Borough; Amber Wellington, Albion News; Fawn Huya, Marquette Savings; Evelyn Osterberg, Marquette Savings; Liz Pavolko, Albion Public Library; Pat Kelley, Northwestern School District; Bob McArthy, SCI at Albion; Ray Sobina, SCI at Albion; and Kris Fausnaught, Northwestern School District.

Approval of Minutes: Evelyn Osterburg made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Liz Pavolko and was passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Kempf of Community National Bank provided both a written and verbal report. Bills were presented for payment and Mr. Kempf asked Chamber members if they were interested in advertising in the Wildcat Football Program. Dan Ries made a motion to approve the advertisement, Evelyn Osterburg seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

- **Website**—The question was presented to members asking if Chamber members are eligible to enter the monthly website drawing. After discussion, it was decided to put it to a vote. Fawn Huya made a motion and Anna Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7 members against allowing Chamber members to be eligible. Three members were in favor of allowing Chamber members' eligibility. August's monthly drawing was won by Rick Pogson from Fairview.

Sign Project—no report. Pat Kelley requested for sign prices for the next Chamber meeting so that a decision can be made on this project.

Sidewalk Project—the guidelines for this project were reiterated as area businesses would be responsible for 50% of material charges and the Chamber would make up the other 50% of material charges. Prisoners would do the labor from the railroad tracks to the intersection in town. Thus far, there has been no interest from businesses to pursue this project in the downtown area. It was suggested to have Kurt Geer put this information on the website and take it off of the agenda, to be put back on if interest is shown.

Old Fashioned Day—Fawn Huya reported that this committee is in need of new ideas for next year's Old Fashioned Day. She reported that the Lion's Club has stated that they will be pulling the car show out of the event.

New Business:

Farmer's Market—Discussion took place regarding the possibility of sponsoring a

Farmer's Market next summer. Mr. Kelley contacted the Health Department and there would be no issues as long as there is no cooked food being sold. It was suggested to start in July, one day a week, possibly on a Friday as that is when a lot of people are in town, get paid, etc. The lot by the Fire Department was suggested as a location and Christopher LaFuria from the Albion News will be asked to coordinate this project.

Sesquicentennial Committee—Evelyn Osterburg presented Chamber with a Certificate of Appreciation for their donation to the recent fireworks display held in June.

Ray Sobina from SCI at Albion reported that this would be Bob McArthy's last chamber meeting as he is retiring. Mr. McArthy was congratulated and thanked for his participation in the Chamber.

Drawing for the Attendance Prize: Ed Kempf won the gift certificate to Valenza Restaurant.

Adjournment: Fawn Huya made a motion and Dan Ries seconded to adjourn the meeting and it was passed by unanimous vote.

Minutes submitted by: Kristine Fausnaught, Secretary