

**Albion Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2009**

Opening: The regular meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on September 24, 2009, at Crowley's Restaurant by President Pat Kelley.

Present: Pat Kelley, Northwestern School District; Edward Kempf, Community National Bank; Jim Mikovch, Community National Bank; Kurt Geer, Cherry Hill Drive Inn; Greg Allen, Albion Borough; Amber Wellington, Albion News; Christopher LaFuria, Albion News; Anna Bennett, Country Fair; Liz Pavolko, Albion Public Library; Fawn Huya, Marquette Savings; Dan Ries, Albion Borough; and Kris Fausnaught, Northwestern School District.

Approval of Minutes: Jim Mikovch made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Greg Allen and was passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Kempf of Community National Bank provided both a written and verbal report. Liz Pavolko made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Kurt Geer and was passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

- **Website**—Kurt Geer asked if he could obtain a list of current members and if Chamber could include each month's minutes on the website. Discussion took place and a motion was made by Anna Bennett and seconded by Amber Wellington to post the monthly minutes on the website, excluding any financial information. The motion received 12 ayes and 1 naye vote, and the motion carried. The winner of the monthly website drawing was Donna Kreider.

Sign Project—Discussion took place regarding what kind of sign the Chamber is interested in installing. Pat Kelley passed examples of signs including pictures of welcome signs that included organizations, as well as a simpler "Welcome to Albion" sign. The project was tabled until October when quotations and possible designs could be obtained for the "Welcome" sign.

New Business:

Santa Coming to Town—Thursday, 12/3/09—Fawn Huya will contact Don Adams to see if he will again play Santa, and will also contact the fire department for the availability of the fire hall. Pat Kelley will contact the music instructors at the school to arrange for the elementary chorus and the Fantasia singers from the high school to perform. Jim Mikovch will contact Roger Brothers to arrange for the Santa house to be moved. Pat Kelley asked that each Chamber member donate 2 dozen cookies for the night of the event.

House Decorating Contest—The decorating contest was discussed and it was decided that the House Decorating Contest would take place beginning December 3, 2009 and end a week before Christmas, December 18, 2009. It will be advertised in the newspaper and on the Chamber's website, stating that all Northwestern School District residents be eligible. Chamber members

are asked to nominate houses in the area, and a special meeting will be called in December to judge and determine the winners. Liz Pavolko made a motion that the prizes be awarded as follows: First place, \$100.00; Second place, \$50.00; Third place, \$25.00. Amber Wellington seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Vacant Lots in Albion—Jim Mikovch commented about the appearance of the old A+ lot across from the Moose Club. He asked if we could draft a letter to the owners, United Refining, and ask the company to possibly clean up the lot and make it more attractive. Discussion took place and it was agreed that in addition to the request, suggestions be made as to what to do with the lot, for example, community parking, benches, Farmer’s Market, etc. It was suggested that a similar letter be sent to the owners of the old Golden Dawn building.

Objectives of Chamber—Pat Kelley read the ‘Objectives of Chamber’, which included recruiting new businesses to come to the area. After discussion, it was decided that Amber Wellington and Kris Fausnaught work together to draft a letter to send out to companies to encourage business in the Albion area.

Water Conservation—Greg Allen wanted to remind to public about tips to conserve water.

Drawing for Attendance Prize: Amber Wellington and Christopher LaFuria won the gift certificate from Crowley’s.

Adjournment: Anna Bennett made the motion for adjournment, Amber Wellington seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Kristine Fausnaught, Secretary

**Albion Area Chamber of Commerce
Valenza Restaurant
October 22, 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 September 24, 2009 meeting minutes**
- d. Treasurer’s Report—Mr. Kempf**
- e. Old Business:**
 - Sign Project—2 quotations**
 - Santa Coming to Town—Thursday, 12/3/09—Status Reports**
 - Santa—Fawn**
 - Fantasia/Elementary Chorus—Pat**
 - Santa’s Workshop—Jim**
 - Letter to New Businesses to come to our area**
 - Website discussion**
 - a. Update—Monthly Drawing**
 - a. New Business**
 - Election of Officers**
 - a. President**
 - Vice President**
 - Treasurer**
 - Secretary**
 - 2010 Membership Drive**
 - a. Drawing for Attendance Prize**
 - b. Adjournment**