

**Albion Area Chamber of Commerce  
Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2009**

**Opening:** The regular meeting was called to order on November 19, 2009, at Crowley's Restaurant by President Greg Allen.

**Present:** Amber Wellington and Christopher LaFuria, Gazette Newspapers; Liz Pavolko, Albion Library; Fawn Huya, Marquette; Pat Kelley, Northwestern School District; Greg Allen, Albion Borough; Kris Fausnaught, Northwestern School District; Kurt Geer, Cherry Hill Drive Inn; Lynn Corder and Ruth Freeman, Youth Center. Also in attendance was Jim Parks from JPS, Inc.

**Approval of Minutes:** Liz Pavolko made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Fawn Huya and was passed by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** not available.

**Old Business:**

- **Sign Project**—Jim Parks from JPS, Inc. was in attendance to present examples and designs of signs for this project, as well as answer any questions from members. After discussion, members agreed to go with a two-sided sign, green and gold to coordinate with the banners in downtown Albion, with the words "Welcome to Albion" on one side and "Please Come Again" on the second side. Fawn Huya made a motion to go ahead with the quotation and design. Kurt Geer seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.
- **Santa Coming to Town**—Fawn Huya reported that plans were in place for the upcoming tree lighting ceremony. The cups and cocoa were once again being donated by Jean Evans Thompson and each chamber member was asked to donate at least two dozen cookies. Entertainment had been confirmed and a member of the ministerium had been contacted for the opening and closing blessing.
- **Website**—Michelle White was drawn as the winner of the monthly website drawing for October, and Jeanette Meeker was drawn as November's website drawing winner.
- **Holiday Lighting Contest**—It was agreed to have a special meeting on December 17, 2009 to determine the winners of the Holiday Lighting Contest. Members are asked to take pictures of decorated houses and bring them to this meeting for judging.

**New Business:**

- **2010 Membership Drive**—membership drive forms have been mailed out.
- **Survey**—The survey was distributed to school and prison employees. Results from any surveys received will help to determine what type of businesses to send invitation to the area letters. The survey will also be placed on the website for feedback from community members.

- **Old Fashioned Day**—Fawn Huya reported that the group that runs the annual GoatFest at the park would like to coordinate their event with the Chamber's Old Fashioned Day. After discussion, all members were in agreement that this would not be a problem.

**Drawing for Attendance Prize:** Fawn Huya won the gift certificate from Crowley's.

**Adjournment:** Dan Ries made the motion for adjournment, Pat Kelley seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Kristine Fausnaught, Secretary

**Albion Area Chamber of Commerce  
Meeting Minutes—Special Meeting  
December 17, 2009**

**Opening:** The special meeting was called to order on December 17, 2009, at Valenza Restaurant by President Greg Allen.

**Present:** Liz Pavolko, Albion Library; Amber Wellington, Gazette Newspapers; Fawn Huya, Marquette Savings; Greg Allen, Albion Borough; Jim Mikovch, Community National Bank; Ed Kempf, Community National Bank; Kris Fausnaught, Northwestern School District; Dan Ries, Albion Borough; and Gloria McCabe, Valley School.

President Greg Allen reported that the Albion Borough had agreed to donate \$900.00 towards the purchase of the welcome sign. It was agreed amongst members that the second side of the sign would read 'Thank You for Visiting Albion'. He will be contacting Penndot and Mrs. Bonda Dahlin to get the approval for the size, location, and design of the sign. It was suggested that either the prisoners or the technical education students from the school could possibly install the sign when received, and possibly the Garden Club could be contacted to landscape around the sign after installation.

Jim Mikovch made a motion that the proposed design be approved and that a purchase order be issued upon researching legalities regarding the sign and its placement. Liz Pavolko seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Fawn Huya asked if Chamber would be able to purchase more lights for the tree downtown for the next holiday season. After discussion, Dan Ries made a motion that the Chamber of Commerce purchase some additional LED lights, with a limit of \$100.00, not to exceed \$150.00. Fawn seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Three pictures were submitted for the Holiday Lighting Contest. Arnold Tobin, Crane Road, won first place; Ron Sturtevant, Lexington Road, won second place; and the Bliss family on Lexington Road won the third place prize.

Gloria McCabe inquired as to whether Chamber would like to purchase an ad for the Erie County Association of Boroughs Yearbook. Gloria explained that this does benefit students in the Northwestern area, as the association offers a scholarship. Dan Ries made a motion to purchase an ad, not to exceed \$75.00. Liz Pavolko seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Mikovch made a motion to reimburse Fawn Huya in the amount of \$21.50, for supplies purchased for the tree lighting ceremony. Dan Ries seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Amber Wellington brought up the Farmer's Co-op and offered some suggestions from a community member that had been talking to her.

**Adjournment:** Liz Pavolko made the motion for adjournment at 12:46 p.m., Dan Ries seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Kristine Fausnaught, Secretary