**General Membership Meeting, Thursday, March 15th, 2018 at Freeport State Bank**

**Call to Order: 12:01**

**Introductions:**

**Approve Minutes of February 15th Meeting**

Motion to Approve- Julie Baum Second – Stacey Austing Jacobsen Motion Carried

**Approve Treasurer’s Report**

Financial Report

Motion to Approve – Stacey Austing Jacobsen Second – Kyle Hoium Motion Carried

**Ongoing Business:**

1. Farmers Market- Starting June 6th. Forms for vendors are available at the Chamber office. $5 per time or $20 for the season.
2. Membership Drive- 91 members. (108 last year)
3. Melrose Home & Business Expo- 58 booths-with room for more.
4. Riverfest- Meeting on Tuesday. Riverfest buttons designed by Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. $5 button gets you free entry into Fabulous Armadillos. Consider next year: putting a number on the buttons and have a prize drawing.
5. Beautification Flower Pots-We are sticking with pots that people from last year wanted this year. Road construction will force us to have fewer pots.

**New Business:**

1. Designer Handbag Bingo-$35 per ticket with 200 tickets to be sold. Bingo with high-end handbags used as prizes. Money raised will be used for Riverfest. Event is May 11th at 7pm. Tickets go on sale on April 2nd.
2. Business Updates- Members would like to see speakers or presenters at each meeting. CentraCare has hired a chronic pain doctor. Cardiac and Pulmonary rehab programs are now available. They have also hired two nurse practitioners.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Economic Development – Mike Creelman left. Lisa Atkinson was hired. Mike Brethorst is lobbying for an extension on the 400 block money.

2. Joe Fuechtmann, Agriculture-

3. Stacey Austing-Jacobson, Education – High School students won a free trip to the MN Zoo. Middle School is focusing on kindness to others. Elementary is working on positive intervention. Summer Rec planning is going on.

4. Mike Brethorst, Legislative -

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

1. Next General Meeting: Thursday, April 19th at CentraCare (Little Birch Room)- Food by the Bistro
2. Next Riverfest Meeting: Tuesday, March 20th at Coborn’s Deli (either 12:00 or 5pm)

**Adjourn: 12:41**

Motion to Adjourn – Stacey Austing Jacobsen Second – Joe Fuechtmann Adjourned