Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes April 26, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Merri Sevey, at 7:00 p.m.

The attendees were: Shellie Callan, Tammy Trebian, Lisa Walters, Kristen Patterson, Joe Ambrosia, Pat Schaible, Peggy Francomb, Cheryl Rife, Lara Walters, Kathy Wand, Chris Hamilton, Mike Dittmar, Norma Schwarz, and Judy Meyerhofer.

The Secretary's Report was approved by Tammy, seconded by Judy. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report stated there is \$8,807.71. This was approved by Judy, seconded by Cheryl. Motion carried.

Member Presentation was not discussed at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Ups & Downs</u> needs volunteers to make cookies, and volunteers for the rest areas. If you would like to volunteer for either of these, please contact a Chamber Board member.

<u>Spring Fling</u> is being organized. The agenda needs to be finalized. There will be 4, 5, and 6 grade girls' softball games this day, as well as Spring in My Step. Please notify Lisa at Jugs if you will be having a garage sale. The Firemen will be having bounce houses, open house, hog roast, and 3 bands. The "Road to Possibilities Tour" will also be during Spring Fling. This will be a tour of the vacant buildings/businesses in town.

<u>Parade/Fair</u> is coming along. The theme for the parade is "Country Pride, Community Wide." There will be more information to come.

Garlic Fest was not discussed at this time.

Music in the Park was not discussed, except for the reminder that Bob Dittmar will be sponsoring it for the next 5 years.

<u>2017 Visitor's Guide Booklets</u> have just come out. There are copies at Jugs if you would like some.

<u>Flower Pots</u> will be planted May 13. The flowers will be purchased from "new" Chamber member, Aunt Beez. Please meet up town at 10:00 a.m. if you would like to help with the pots.

<u>2017 Business Expo</u> will be Saturday, April 29th. This will include vendors from Elizabeth, Stockton, and Hanover. This will be held at the old high school gym, and is free to the public, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. The Elizabeth Community Band will be playing music during the expo.

Brochure Racks will be ordered soon, so if you would like one, please contact Merri as soon as possible.

<u>Village of Elizabeth</u> stated that the budget looks good. They are still working on grants for the sidewalks and sewer.

<u>GEAR</u> will be doing Spring in my Step during Spring Fling. They held a Donkey Basketball Fundraiser, and had a great turnout. They will be having a booth at the business expo, selling drinks.

<u>Eco-Devo/Fair Board</u> has installed new ceiling tiles in the small room of the community building. They will also be painting the inside of the entire building. They installed new refrigerators.

Elizabeth Food Basket had a great turnout of donations from the Dollar General. They received \$140.00 from the Schwan's Ice Cream Fundraiser. They are checking into the possibility of supplying families with deer meat. They have purchased insurance now of their own. May 13th will be a food drive with the post office. They are interested in possibly selling Culvers ice cream at Music in the Park. They were given a truck load of gallons of milk, and were able to disperse them to multiple families around the community.

OPEN FORUM

Lara Walters brought up that maybe downtown Main Street needs to be cleaned up a little bit of what is on it overnight. There will be more discussion about it.

Tammy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lara. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next Chamber meeting will be May 25th at 6:00 p.m.