

## Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Merri Sevey, at 6:00 p.m.

The attendees were: Merri Sevey, Lisa Walters, Judy Meyerhofer, Shellie Callan, Peg Francomb, Bob Dittmar, Kristen Patterson, Andrea Young, Norma Schwirtz, Cheryl Rife, Joe Ambrosia, Kathy Wand, Anna Pintozzi, Lara Walters, and Tammy Trebian.

The Secretary's report was approved by Cheryl, seconded by Lisa. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report stated there is \$9,078.41 in the account, approved by Judy, seconded by Anna. Motion carried.

Midwest Garlic Fest was very busy both Saturday and Sunday. The weather was great, and there was a very good turnout for donations to the Elizabeth Food Basket. The kids' area was busy, and the food demo was a big hit. Thanks to everyone who helped. There was a suggestion that the music should play about 1 hour longer next year.

Music in the Park is being set up. There have been ads placed in the newspapers, social media, etc. They are in need of food vendors.

Scarecrow Festival was not discussed at this time.

Christmas in Elizabeth was not discussed at this time.

2018 Sesquicentennial is in need of volunteers to be on committees to plan activities. The big event will be held Labor Day weekend. Please contact Merri if you would like to be a part of the planning committees.

Tourism is asking that the businesses water the pots of plants, as the volunteer person is no longer doing this. Rack cards are needed from businesses. Please drop them off to Lara Walters.

Business Education passed out the annual advertising campaign forms. They have also been emailed out. If you did not receive one, please contact any Chamber board member. Cody Geisz has been asked to be our "social blogger." If you would like to have anything on the social sites, please submit them to a Chamber board member and we will forward them to Cody. There will be a further discussion of how to compensate her for doing this.

Village of Elizabeth was not discussed at this time.

GEAR was not discussed at this time.

Eco-Devo/Fair Board is actively seeking a Pharmacy. The Health Dept., and Dental) in Galena would like to relocate to Elizabeth. They are researching this option. Cajun Jacks and the Jeep Rental Co. have been recently opened. Dittmar's Store will be opening soon. The Fair went very well, despite the storm.

Elizabeth Food Basket is very thankful to the Garlic Fest for their donation, and 5 more volunteers have been added to their group of people that help with the Food Basket.

## OLD BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

Sand Prairie Wireless wants to put “fiber” in Elizabeth. They are asking residents in Elizabeth to go to [www.connectsp.com](http://www.connectsp.com) and submit that you want the “fiber” so they have enough of a large group to allow it.

There is a new program at the CTE Academy. It will be a “work study” where students can go and “work” during the time that they would be at CTE Academy so they can get the experience of various jobs.

Judy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tammy. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The next Chamber meeting will be September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.