

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2016 at the Welcome Inn

The meeting was called to order by Merri Sevey, President, at 7:39 p.m.

The attendees for this meeting were: Shellie Callan, Lisa Walters, Judy Meyerhofer, Karen Murphy, Lara Walters, Betsy Kaage, Lori Kinnaman, Deb Wunsch, Cheryl Rife, Joe Ambrosia, Pastor Mike Nesbit, Missy Dalgarn, Ed Amstutz, Chris Hamilton, Mike Dittmar, and Merri Sevey.

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

The Treasurer's Report was not given at this time, other than there are currently 76 members.

Village of Elizabeth News stated that the Village Ordinances will be reviewed and/or changed if needed. The Village new budget starts May 1st. There will be new Christmas decorations purchased this year, and the light poles will be painted. There may be more updates made to the park, possibly a pavilion. More outlets will be installed at the park. They are currently working on a grant for installing lights at the lower ball diamond.

Marketing continues to update the Chamber website/calendar. Please notify them if you would like something added.

Tourism is changing the Adopt-a-Pot a little bit. They will be planting the flowers in the pots so they all match. The businesses, then, will be asked to maintain them with watering, etc.

GEAR will be selling Salsa as a fundraiser. The Chili Cook-Off was a great success. There was an inquiry about having activities for the special needs kids, and GEAR will research that to see what they can offer. They will be reinforcing the stage floor, in the high school gym, that Cross Fit uses. Signups for baseball, softball, and soccer are underway. GEAR will be helping at the Corkless Wine Festival this summer, with activities throughout the day.

Festivals did not report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

CVB is organizing committees, and hosting a Networking meeting at Charlie's Place in Hanover, March 3rd.

Visitors Guide did not present at this time. We are currently waiting on the proofs.

Website Design was tabled for now, as more research is needed. More discussion will follow at a later time.

Strategic Planning had a meeting and had good success. They laid out some goals/plans for future direction.

New Business/Resident gift bags are needed. They would like to have 15 bags ready. If you would like to donate something from your business, please give them to Merri Sevey at Jo Carroll Energy.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Board Meeting has been scheduled for March 15th tentatively, at the Village Municipal Building at 6:00 p.m.

Bingo will be both days of the Elizabeth Fair this year. Saturday will be from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Sunday will be from 12:00-6:00 p.m., and then again after the evening show if anyone is interested in playing.

Music in the Park will be September 10th.

Judy Meyerhofer made a request to have some sort of Business Hours' Registry Listing so when shopper/tourists come into town they can be given this information.

Mike Dittmar made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ed Amstutz seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

The Next Chamber meeting will be March 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Municipal Building.