

## Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Merri Sevey, at 6:01 p.m.

The attendees were: Merri Sevey, Norma Schwartz, Lisa Walters, Judy Meyerhofer, Peggy Francomb, Mary Katos, Kathy Wand, Lara Walters, Anna Pintozzi, Shellie Callan, and Chris Hamilton.

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

The Treasurer's report stated there is \$7,177.78 in the account, approved by Peg, seconded by Lara. Motion carried.

Spring Fling went well, except there were a couple of concerns to be discussed for next year. There will be a committee meeting to discuss these concerns. There was a good turnout for the town garage sales.

Parade/Fair/Bingo is being organized. The ribbons have been ordered for the parade prizes, judges are needed for the judging. There will be a sign-up emailed out for volunteers to work and to call for Bingo, both Saturday and Sunday.

Midwest Garlic Fest will be having a committee meeting, soon, to get everything organized. Some of the proceeds from this event will be going to the Elizabeth Food Basket. Illinois Bank & Trust would like to install an ATM machine for the weekend event. After discussion, it was voted that they should be allowed to do this. We will speak to Laszlo about it.

Music in the Park has Lexi Parr and the Ruby Blonde Band playing. There is a need for someone to play before them. The Chamber would like someone to volunteer to be "chairman" for this event. Contact Merri if you would like to help.

Rack Cards are almost all gone, so more will be ordered. There was discussion about creating a new design for them.

Pharmacy Update stated that there was a really good interest in having a Pharmacy in Elizabeth. This is being researched and more information will be coming in the future as things progress.

Brochure Racks are in. If you ordered one, please pick it up from Merri.

Cajun Jacks (formerly Sharks Roadhouse) is almost ready to open.

Jeep Rental Place (formerly The Local Yokel) will be opening, with jeep rentals and construction equipment rentals.

Elizabeth Antique Mall will be meeting with Merri. Merri will be asking them to become a Chamber member again.

Village of Elizabeth was not discussed at this time.

GEAR was not discussed at this time.

Eco Devo was not discussed at this time.

Elizabeth Food Basket said they will be selling ice cream at Music in the Park, furnished by Culvers. They are open on Mondays from 10-12, and starting September, will be open every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. It was suggested to them to speak with Jo

Daviess County Transit to see if they could bring people to the Food Basket who has transportation issues. The donated freezer was not working properly, so The Food Basket purchased a chest freezer from Hoskins Lumber Co. They served 125 individuals this last month. Great job!

#### OLD BUSINESS

Adopt-A-Pot has a person who volunteered to water all the pots around town. A big thank you for doing that!

The Banners hanging in town has 1 that is torn and needs to be replaced. There was discussion of replacing it.

#### NEW BUSINESS

PSF is struggling to get people to attend their events. Any ideas of how to bring people in would be greatly appreciated. You can speak to Merri or go directly to PSF, in town.

Chris Hamilton is ready for brochures, rack, etc. to display any business information.

Chris Hamilton also spoke about the Great River Trail meeting that was held at Chestnut Mountain Resort, Tues. June 20<sup>th</sup>. This had a very good attendance. They discussed where they are in the phases of creating the trails to extend to Savanna, and are working with the DNR on this project.

Lara made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Judy. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:40 p.m.

The next Chamber meeting will be Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.