

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2016

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

The attendees for this meeting were: Amy Curione, Mady Nadermann, Judy Meyerhofer, Doug Collins, Merri Sevey, Lisa Walters, Shellie Callan, Anna Pintozzi, Kathy Wand, Pastor Mike Nesbit, Kristen Patterson, Tammy Trebian, Peggy Francomb, Norma Schwirtz, Michelle Wiznefski, and Laszlo Martin.

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

The Treasurer's report stated there is \$11,704.32 in the account, and 72 current members. This was approved by Judy, seconded by Shellie. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Music in the Park went very well, and moving it back a week from the holiday weekend seems like a good idea. The music was good, and we will be working on having the event again next year, possibly twice a year. We will check with the firemen to see if they will be having music again for Spring Fling. If they don't, then we might.

Scarecrow Festival is October 8th, with scarecrow contest deadline October 7th. Please contact Merri Sevey if you would like to have a scarecrow judged for either a business or residential. Cornstalks will be put up next Monday night, Oct. 3rd. If you would like to help, please be in town around 5:00 p.m.

Veteran's Day will be in November. Helen would like some help getting this organized. It will be held at the old high school. The Historical Society is not helping with this event anymore. They are, instead, doing a celebration during Memorial Day now.

Christmas in Elizabeth will be posting information on Facebook. They will have the "Santa Dash" again. We will be speaking with Bishops' store owner to see if we can have the event in their store again, with the "soup ladies", hot chocolate, crafts for kids, and possibly a tree decorating contest, all in the store.

Midwest Garlic Fest went very well. There was a very nice turnout on Saturday, Sunday was a little slower. They are planning this event, again, for next year, and focusing on more things for Sunday. They would like to offer some more "educational" ideas for the kids. They would like to utilize the lower baseball diamond for activities. They presented a check of \$500.00 to the Special Olympics, as they were the chosen organization for the proceeds this year, and gave a check of \$1,000.00 to our Chamber for helping with the event. There will be an additional "unofficial" meeting following this meeting to discuss changes/additions for next year.

Light poles have been painted and look very nice.

Website is being created. It looks very nice, but some things are still being looked into. There was discussion about purchasing some "Proud Chamber Member" stickers to give the members as part of their renewal payment.

Visitors Guide will be printed again next year, and Hanover will be participating in it with us again.

Village of Elizabeth said that the light poles by the small baseball diamond will be installed soon, with additional electrical outlets being installed as well. There will be 1 open position for the Village board, possibly 2 or 3. Petitions will be due by early November, if you would like to run. There will be a meeting Oct. 19th to discuss zoning. Sewer issues are still being discussed.

GEAR sold 120 jars of salsa at Garlic Fest, along with lots of water. They also sold salsa, hot dogs, and brats at Mallardfest. This event was a very good turnout, as well. Soccer is currently underway. The "Wrestling-Turtles in a Half Shell" fundraiser will be Saturday, Oct. 8th at the old high school. Doors open at 5:30, event starts at 6:00 p.m.

Eco/Dev is securing entertainment for next year's fair. They are requesting some parade themes for next year's fair.

OLD BUSINESS

CVB was not discussed at this time.

Team Jo Daviess County Meetings has dissolved, due to lack of attendance at the meetings.

Food Pantry has had a huge turnout with businesses donating items, a huge thank you to everyone.

Open Forum

Special Olympics will be holding an open ceremony on Feb. 7th for the Winter Games, with the lighting of the torch at 5:00 p.m. There will be more information to come for this event.

Hometown Hero Award was given to Merri Sevey from Tceda. A Big Congratulations goes out to Merri for all that you do for our community.

Hanover Chamber of Commerce is having a 2K Family "Glow" Run/Walk on Saturday, Oct. 22nd at the Hanover VFW. Registration is at 6:30 p.m., with a 7:00 p.m. start. There will be a "free" after party, with music, food, and games. Please contact the Hanover Chamber at hanoverilchamber@gmail.com for information.

Tammy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Judy. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The next Chamber meeting will be Thursday, October 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Municipal Building.