

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2016

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

The attendees for this meeting were: Shellie Callan, Peggy Francomb, Judy Meyerhofer, Patricia Tierney, Andrew Young, Kathy Wand, Tammy Trebian, and Merri Sevey.

The Secretary's report was not approved, due to lack of quorum.

The Treasurer's report was not approved, due to lack of quorum.

Committee Reports

Scarecrow Festival went over very well. A big thank you goes out to all who participated. Ribbons and money were handed out to the winners. There was discussion for next year, possibly having pictures taken of the participating scarecrows, and posting them on Facebook, etc. so that everyone can vote on them.

Veterans' Day is pretty well set, to be held in the old high school gym. Coffee and donuts will be available.

Christmas in the Village will be held in Bishops store again this year. There will be a Christmas tree decorating contest for any business/group wanting to participate. You can bring your own tree, or use one that will be provided. The set up date will be November 19th. There was discussion of having some tables set up for kids to do some craft projects. We will be asking the "soup ladies" to have their soup again. The Santa Dash will be at 9:30 a.m. The registration fee will be either \$5.00, or 2 cans of food for the Food Pantry. Santa will be from 10:00-1:00 p.m. at the train depot. There was discussion of donating \$150.00 towards the Santa bags. This will be voted on at the next meeting. For anyone interested in helping on the committee for this Christmas event, there will be a meeting this Sunday night at Jugs, at 6:00 p.m.

Donation to Fair Board for next year's Garlic Fest was not done tonight, due to lack of quorum.

The Christmas Lights will be installed on the light poles in town by November 19th.

The Website is about ready. Shellie and Peggy will be meeting with Tiffany to go over the new site.

Window Clings will be ordered for our Chamber members.

2017 Visitors Guide will be printed again this next year. There will be a meeting Wed. November 30, at 6:00 p.m. at Jugs to go over what will be changed. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

Village of Elizabeth said year, 2018, will be the 150th anniversary of Elizabeth. Mike Dittmar, the mayor, would like to have a huge celebration and there will be much more discussions of deciding what can be done at future meetings. Anyone interested in being a part of this planning are welcome to help.

Gear said that the Wrestling fundraiser went very well, with attendance being approximately 160 people. They will be having a Salsa fundraiser in November, which replaces the Manny's pizza fundraiser. They will also be having the annual alumni Basketball again around New Years.

Eco/Devo confirmed that E-Town will be closing the end of this month. There was discussion of having an Open House for realtors, bankers, etc. to tour the empty store fronts in Elizabeth. There will be a committee formed to organize this project.

Galena/Jo Daviess CVB was not discussed at this time.

The Food Pantry said they are partnering with Schwann's Ice Cream from November 9-24, to receive 20% of all sales. There will be a "code" and we will email that out to everyone when we have it.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be November 17th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Municipal Building.