

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2018

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

The attendees were: Kathy Wand, Skip Schwerdtfeger, Elizabeth Papp, Carol Schwerdtfeger, Cheryl Rife, Norma Schwirtz, Kristen Patterson, Lara Walters, Jodi Korte, Peggy Francomb, Merri Sevey, Lisa Walters, Tammy Trebian, Judy Meyerhofer, Shellie Callan, Pastor Mike Nesbit, Robert Dittmar, and Rose Noble.

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

The Treasurer's report stated there is \$9,312.77 in the account, approved by Tammy, seconded by Judy. Motion carried.

Elizabeth Papp, New Director for the Apple River Fort was introduced.

Fiber Optics has 138 homes on it so far. More installation is still being done.

Spring Fling has 12 garage sales, 2 bounce houses, WCCI will be broadcasting in the morning, petting zoo by the train depot, Jane Marie's Boutique Grand Opening, \$5.00 coupons for kids playing in tournament, fire station hog roast/band.

Parade/Fair/150th banners are installed and look very nice. All the fundraising items have been ordered, alumni reunion is being organized, IB& T has sponsored the parade again this year. Pat Uhl will be the Grand Marshal. Gift bags will be handed out to the people who come down from the nursing home to watch the parade, so bag items are needed.

Garlic Fest/Gathering of Elizabeth is being organized. Mailers have gone out to the previous Elizabeth participants.

Watering of Pots is in need of volunteers to water the pots. There was discussion to purchase some rain gutter buckets to help with the water costs. This will be researched more regarding bucket costs, etc.

Village of Elizabeth was not discussed except that the grant finally was approved for \$50,000 for an engineering study. The pavilion is being built, down at the park, and the path, down at the park, will have asphalt soon.

Eco-Devo stated they have been approached by townspeople regarding the lack of child care. There will be a meeting to see about interest, and possibly a survey sent out.

Elizabeth Food Basket has a Schwan's Fundraiser going on right now. They will also be at the Corkless in Galena in June. They will be raffling off a new dryer (donated from Hoskins Building Center) during the Garlic Festival weekend. They are considering another fundraiser in November, to carry over to Christmas in Elizabeth. They served 63 families in April.

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor Mike Nesbitt said there was a full page ad in the Galena Gazette speaking about the Community of Christians. Vacation Bible School will be held the last week of July, at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Lara Walters informed everyone that The Holy Mackerel has closed.

Rose, with GGMI, said they are going to publish their own travel publication, focused on tourism and travel writing. There will be 3 open director seats in their organization. You may submit names to admin@visitgalena.org.

Lisa made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Judy. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

The next Chamber meeting will be Thursday, June 28th, at 6:00 p.m.